

IS THIS YOUR TANK?



No visible label or sign identifying its contents

Extensive rust on tank

No compounding or bunding to contain spills or leaks

No handrail for safe ladder access

Uneven ground

Illegal tripod stand – these were banned in 1996

If your tank has any one of these defects, you're not meeting your obligations to store fuel safely...





As farmers, you are required to safely store and handle fuels so that they are not a source of pollution for the environment, or a source of harm to employees, your family, and yourself. Safe fuel storage also makes financial sense – no more paying good money for fuel wasted through leaks, drips and spills!

The Department of Labour and the Environmental Protection Authority have joined together to produce a revised guide that gives you all the information you need to fulfil your legal obligations to store and handle fuel safely under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 and the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992. It's called the *Guide for Above-Ground Fuel Storage on Farms*.

Here is a summary of the minimum requirements for safe above-ground fuel storage and handling:

Petrol

Amount of petrol stored on Farm (litres)	5	50	100	200	250	1000	2000	2500+
Fuel Supplier must provide safety data sheets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Farmer must have safety data sheets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Staff Training/Approved Handlers							Yes	Yes
Fire extinguishers (number)		1	1	2	2	2	2	2
Signage					Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Emergency Response Plans						Yes	Yes	Yes
Secondary Containment (bundling)							Yes	Yes
Location Test Certificate							Yes	Yes
Stationary Container Test Certificate								Yes

Diesel

Amount of diesel stored on Farm (litres)	1	100	200	250	500	1000	2000 ¹	5000
Fuel Supplier must provide safety data sheets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Farmer must have safety data sheets	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fire extinguishers (number)					2	2	2	2
Signage						Yes	Yes	Yes
Emergency Response Plans							Yes	Yes
Secondary Containment (bundling)							Yes	Yes
Stationary Container Test Certificate								Yes

For further information on ensuring that your fuel storage and handling is safe, cost-efficient, environmentally safe and compliant, view the Guide for Above-Ground Fuel Storage on Farms at <http://www.epa.govt.nz/Publications/Guide-Above-ground-fue-storage-on-farms.pdf>

1. For diesel tanks installed before 1 April 2004, this figure is 2500 litres.

