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## NOTICE

### RE: Inter-Connected Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tanks

In the previous Petroleum Storage Regulation, *Storage and Handling of Gasoline and Associated Products Regulation*, MR 97/88, all underground petroleum storage tanks with a storage capacity of less than 4545 litres were exempt from registration and meeting construction codes and standards. This included two (2) or more tanks inter-connected ('piped' or 'manifolded') together.

The current regulation, Storage and Handling of Petroleum Products and Allied Products Regulation, MR 188/2001, adopts most of a national standard that has been developed by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME). Section 2.4.1 of the CCME document *Environmental Code of Practice for Aboveground Storage Tank Systems Containing Petroleum Products*, August 1994, states:

Shop-fabricated aboveground storage tanks having a single or total capacity of more than 4000 litres<sup>1</sup> shall have a secondary containment system in conformance with Section 3.8. (See Appendix B, note B.2.2.1.).

Appendix B, note B.2.2.1 states:

...The wording "single or total capacity" is provided to prevent owners from using several small storage tanks to avoid either registration or secondary containment requirements. If two or more storage tanks having a combined capacity of greater than 4000 litres<sup>1</sup> are manifolded together or are connected to the same appliance (e.g. a furnace or power generator), then all the tanks, regardless of capacity, must be registered and have secondary containment...

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Visit the Petroleum Storage Program website at:  
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<sup>1</sup> MR 188/2001 replaces "more than 4000 litres" with "5000 litres or more"