



## Tanks Compliance Manager™

*Master Storage Tank Compliance Across Underground and Aboveground Storage Tanks (USTs and ASTs)*

*September 24-25, 2026*

Tanks Compliance Manager™ is an intensive, two-day program focused exclusively on the regulatory and operational complexities of USTs and ASTs. Developed and delivered by practicing environmental compliance consultants, this course provides the structured knowledge and real-world insight necessary to manage tank systems confidently and in full alignment with regulatory expectations.

This course goes beyond regulatory summaries to examine how tank requirements are implemented in operating facilities, how inspectors evaluate compliance, where organizations most often encounter enforcement risk, and how to make defensible decisions in response.

Since 2012, this course has helped thousands of facility managers, EHS professionals, engineers, and consultants nationwide strengthen tank oversight, improve inspection readiness, and make informed compliance decisions grounded in real-world experience.

### Business Case for Attendance

**Tank compliance violations carry significant penalties and cleanup costs.** UST violations under RCRA Subtitle I carry maximum civil penalties of \$25,527 per tank per day, and SPCC violations under Clean Water Act Section 311(j) carry maximum penalties of \$59,973 per violation per day. State tank programs often impose their own penalties. EPA and state enforcement data shows that tank-related settlements commonly range from \$25,000 to over \$300,000, with cleanup costs for releases frequently reaching into the millions. A Texas fuel distributor settled for \$189,000 for UST release detection and corrosion protection failures at multiple locations; a Midwestern agricultural cooperative paid \$275,000 for combined UST and AST violations including inadequate secondary containment and failure to conduct required integrity testing; and an Illinois bulk fuel storage facility paid \$125,000 for AST containment and inspection deficiencies. Common violations include failure to maintain required release detection, inadequate corrosion protection, failure to conduct integrity testing, and incomplete or missing SPCC plans.

**This course reduces reliance on outside consultants.** After completing the Tanks Compliance Manager™ course, your employee returns prepared to evaluate tank system compliance, implement inspection and maintenance programs, assess secondary containment requirements, and confidently prepare for regulatory inspections of both UST and AST systems. Each of these tasks would otherwise require consultant support at rates that typically exceed the cost of this course in a matter of days.

**The investment is immediate and practical.** Course content is applied, not academic. Participants return with actionable knowledge, reference materials, and direct access to the course presenter for follow-up questions as compliance challenges arise.

## Estimated Investment

Course Fee	\$1,320
Discounts*	-\$132.00 (if registered early)
Travel (airfare or mileage)	Varies by location. Rental vehicle is not required.
Lodging	~\$340 (For discounted rates see <a href="https://aarcherinstitute.com/location/annapolis-md/">https://aarcherinstitute.com/location/annapolis-md/</a> )
Meals (lunch provided; breakfast items provided in-person)	2026 federal per diem is \$80/day (\$60 on travel days)

\* Group discount of 15% off is available for three or more registrants from the same organization. Government employee, student, and veteran discounts (15% off) are also available. Corporate partnership discounts are also available.

## What You'll Learn

This course develops a practical, working understanding of storage tank regulations that supports both day-to-day oversight and long-term regulatory defensibility. It goes beyond isolated rule summaries to provide clarity on how UST and AST requirements function within the broader compliance landscape:

- The framework and intent of federal UST regulations under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), including 40 CFR Part 280, and Oil Pollution Prevention requirements under 40 CFR Part 112 (SPCC)
- Recent and proposed regulatory changes affecting tank owners and operators
- How federal rules intersect with state programs, local fire codes, and industry consensus standards
- UST and AST system components and typical installation configurations
- Corrosion protection, release detection, and system integrity requirements
- Monitoring, leak detection, and inventory reconciliation practices
- AST emergency venting, overfill protection, and applicable industry standards
- Reporting, recordkeeping, inspection, and maintenance obligations
- Temporary and permanent closure requirements
- Owner and operator liability, including responsibility for third-party contractors
- Inspection triggers, enforcement focus areas, and regulatory expectations
- Special considerations for petroleum, hazardous substances, and waste storage

## What You'll Take Back

Upon course completion, participants receive a certificate of completion approved for CEUs by EHS, legal, and engineering bodies, as well as:

- A comprehensive course binder and reference toolkit

- Practical guidance documents and useful references on a flash drive
- Access to presenters for follow-up questions
- Enhanced confidence in managing tank compliance and minimizing risk

You will also return with new skills:

- Evaluate UST and AST system compliance against federal and state requirements
- Implement required inspection, maintenance, and release detection programs
- Assess secondary containment adequacy for both USTs and ASTs
- Manage closure requirements and owner/operator liability considerations
- Prepare confidently for regulatory inspections of tank systems
- Contact the course presenter directly as future compliance questions arise

## Who Should Attend

Tanks Compliance Manager™ is ideal for both new and experienced EHS professionals with tank-related environmental responsibilities, including:

- Facility managers and EHS professionals
- Safety managers and fuel managers
- Engineers, consultants, and contractors
- Professionals performing routine inspections or purchasing tanks
- Anyone assuming new or expanded responsibilities for tank compliance

## Course Format

Tanks Compliance Manager™ is a structured, presenter-led, two-day program organized into focused modules that cover both regulatory foundations and practical implementation. It includes:

- Live instruction from practicing compliance professionals with decades of hands-on tank management experience in multiple states
- Practical examples, case studies, and videos from real-world facilities
- Open discussion and participant Q&A throughout

Unlike passive, pre-recorded training, this course is interactive. Participants are encouraged to explore practical scenarios, ask technical questions, and examine how regulatory requirements apply in real life.

## Why Aarcher Institute

Aarcher Institute is a professional training organization that has hosted more than 9,500 professionals for more than 20 years. Presenters are selected for regulatory expertise, real-world experience, and demonstrated training ability.

Unlike simple compliance overview courses, our exclusive course content was developed and continually refined by experienced compliance professionals. This is not a self-paced slide deck

or scripted presentation delivered by full-time instructors or guest speakers. Practicing EHS professionals provide live instruction and foster open discussion to enhance understanding.

## Preparing to Attend

The course is presented in a comfortable and professional meeting room with refreshments and frequent breaks. Course logistics and planning information is presented in the following table.

## Course Logistics & Planning

<b>Time Commitment</b>	September 24-25, 2026 (Additional travel days might be necessary) → 8:15 AM – 4:15 PM (Day 1) → 8:15 AM – 3:00 PM (Day 2)
<b>Course Location</b>	Aarcher Institute training facility 111 Cathedral Street, Suite 300, Annapolis, MD
<b>Flights</b>	Most students fly into Baltimore BWI
<b>Hotel Accommodations</b>	Graduate by Hilton (Discounts: <a href="https://aarcherinstitute.com/location/annapolis-md/">https://aarcherinstitute.com/location/annapolis-md/</a> ) Walking distance to course location
<b>Dress Code</b>	Casual to business casual (professional meeting attire)
<b>Meals &amp; Refreshments</b>	Light continental breakfast items, snacks, coffee, and beverages are provided each day for in-person sessions
<b>Transportation</b>	Rental car not required Rideshare services or taxis are generally sufficient Parking: <a href="https://aarcherinstitute.com/location/annapolis-md/">https://aarcherinstitute.com/location/annapolis-md/</a>
<b>Certification/Credits</b>	This is not a certification course Participants receive a certificate of completion and approved continuing education credits