Underground and Aboveground Fuel Storage Tanks

I. Purpose

The purpose of this regulation is to define and establish responsibilities, maintenance guidelines, and operating procedures as set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and the County Fire Marshall's office for the Prince William County School Division’s Underground and Aboveground Fuel Storage Tanks.

II. Scope

Underground fuel storage tanks are defined as tanks installed underground containing regulated petroleum substances; the volume of which, including the volume of the underground connecting pipes, is 10 percent or more beneath the surface of the ground.

Aboveground fuel storage tanks are defined as any fuel tank above ground containing regulated petroleum substances.

III. Objective

To provide the Prince William County School Division with an Underground/Aboveground Fuel Storage Tank Management plan that meets the Federal Energy Policy Act and all environmental requirements set forth by federal, state, and local regulations governing underground fuel storage tanks.

A. Requirements

1. All underground and aboveground storage tanks shall be identified by location and substance stored.

2. All new and replaced underground and aboveground systems installed within 1,000 feet of a public water supply or potable well, which in effect means virtually all new or replaced underground and aboveground storage tanks, must have secondary containment.

3. All operators shall receive training and document their Class A, B, and C training certificate at their place of work or assignment.
4. All underground storage tanks must have corrosion protection.

5. All underground storage tanks must have leak detection.

6. All underground and aboveground storage tanks must be equipped with devices to prevent spill or overfills.

7. All problems created by leaks or spills must be corrected.

8. Financial responsibilities must be shown to ensure that owners and operators of underground storage tanks are able to pay for third-party liability and corrective action caused by leaking fuel tanks.

9. To ensure that the Prince William County School Division has a regulatory program meeting all federal regulations.

B. Notification

1. The Virginia DEQ will be notified on DEQ Form 7530-2 of all new underground storage tanks used to store regulated fuel substances.

2. The Virginia DEQ must be notified within 30 days of all changes to fuel tank installations.

The Associate Superintendent for Support Services (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this regulation.

This regulation and related policy shall be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.