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CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS IN 20.5.115 NMAC

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Closure Requirements

Closure requirements for all tank systems are found in 20.5.115 NMAC.

Most of the changes are to the requirements for temporary closure.

Temporary Closure Requirements

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- Tanks in temporary closure:
 - If already in temporary closure, notify the department as soon as possible;
 - Or notify the department at least 30 days prior to placing a tank in temporary closure;
 - Otherwise the tank will be considered to be in use and have to meet the applicable requirements until the notification is received.
- There are distinct requirements:
 - for tanks containing greater than one inch of a regulated substance, and
 - for tanks containing less than one inch of a regulated substance.



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- Owners and operators who wish to apply for an extension must complete a site assessment and must be current with tank fees prior to applying for the extension.
- When a storage tank will be in temporary closure for more than 12 months, the owners and operators must apply for an extension 30 days prior to the end of the 12th month. In order to apply for the extension they must empty the tank, perform a site assessment, pay all tank fees, and meet FR requirements.



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- A delivery of a regulated substance into a tank in temporary closure will be considered a return to service and applicable requirements for a tank in service must be met.

