

The closure of the permit for the removal of an “underground Storage Tank” (UST).

Removal of above ground storage tanks (AST) and “underground storage tanks” (UST) for storage of heating oil must only be performed by a duly licensed Environmental Contractor after first obtaining a permit from the Village of Pelham Building Department.

Each permit will only be closed upon the receipt of the closure letter of “Certification” issued by the Environmental Contractor of record. In the matter of the underground storage tanks the environmental contractor must certify with clear and complete comments that their either was no soil contamination or there was soil contamination and give further comments regarding removal of contaminated soil.

At no time will a tank removal permit be closed if the Building Inspector and or the Fire inspector finds the closure report does not properly certify that the soil was free of any contamination.

There is no option to remove an underground tank without addressing the “Environmental “issue. This is accomplished by the Environmental Contractor providing written certification. Letters containing general disclaimers and letters that do not mention the conditions of the soils in the immediate area below and around the underground tank will not be acceptable to close the permit. Where an underground tank is involved the Village will not accept the statements of an Environmental Contractor that the home owner “opted “not to have soil samples taken. There is also no option to abandon the tank in place and fill with concrete unless the tank is beneath an immovable structure such as a house. Please note trees, patios, walks ways porches and decks are not immovable structures.