



Aquasentry Environmental Services carry out OFTEC surveys covering the whole of the UK, ensuring that any company or person(s) who are responsible for oil storage are compliant with the Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) (England) Regulations 2001.

All surveys are carried out by a fully trained OFTEC registered technician (OFTEC 600A) who will complete a detailed report for all oil storage on site. Each survey is comprehensive and will cover the following areas: Upon completion, a bound and electronic copy of the report will be returned. Annual OFTEC surveys offer peace of mind that your oil storage is being correctly maintained and that it remains compliant with all current regulations.

The Environment Agency reports that there are around 3000 pollution incidents involving oil and fuels every year in the UK making this the second most frequent type of pollutant of inland waters in the UK. On average an oil spill can cost a business up to £30,000 in fines, clean up charges and production losses.

OFTEC Information note: T1/120 "Oil Storage Inspection and Maintenance" referred to in Clause 22 also states that it is recommended that their oil storage tanks and ancillary equipment are inspected on an annual basis by an OFTEC.

Surveys include:

- > Tank(s) location, condition, construction, type of oil, use, age and identification
- > Condition of pipework
- > Condition of tank supports and base(s)
- > Bund compliance - condition, construction and capacity
- > Inspection of gauges, level alarms and fire valves
- > Inspection of associated ancillary equipment – pumps etc.
- > Procedure(s) for operation and filling
- > Inspection of overfill and impact protection
- > Inspection of fill points, draw off points and vents
- > Spill response procedures, spill kits/ equipment and training
- > Consideration of environmental issues
- > Consideration of fire issues

Legislation and Specific Guidelines

Control of pollution (Oil Storage) (England) Regulations 2001:

Clause 22: "Regular inspection by qualified inspectors of your containers will ensure that potential defects are found and corrected before causing problems and are ensuring that containers do not cause pollution"

Clause 27: "A more detailed annual check by a trained operator, e.g. in the OFTEC registered scheme, is also recommended to ensure there is no corrosion, mechanical damage or oil leaks".

The Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) (England) Regulations 2001 set out the requirements to be met for the safe storage of oil in containers above ground. As of 1st September, 2005, all oil storage containers above 200 litres are required to comply with these regulations.