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SP001 STANDARD FOR INSPECTION OF ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANKS FOURTH EDITION ISSUED

LAKE ZURICH, IL, AUGUST 3, 2006: STI releases the Fourth Edition of Standard SP001, *Standard for the Inspection of Aboveground Storage Tanks*.

Changes to the Standard were developed through the STI AST Inspection Standards Committee review process and have now been published as a Fourth Edition of SP001. These changes include:

- Revision of secondary containment definitions
- Requirements for double wall tank inspections
- Changes to SP001 Inspector Certification requirements
- Various language clarifications

Changes to the requirements for SP001 Inspector Certifications include:

- STI Certified SP001 AST Inspectors must be "Tank System Inspectors." This level of inspector is also known as the Level 2 inspectors. Because the 3rd and 4th Editions of SP001 include inspections of not only the tank, but also the associated tank systems, the Certified Inspector must have sufficient training in the tank system. This Certification requires both in-person lectures and passing of exams.
- API 653 Certified Inspectors must obtain an "STI SP001 Adjunct Certification" to perform an SP001 inspection. This is to ensure that an API 653 Certified Inspector is familiar with construction of tanks and containers included in SP001 as well as the requirements of a tank system inspection. It is anticipated that this Adjunct Certification will be available through the STI website by the end of 2006.
- Level 2 STI Certified SP001 AST Inspectors that received their certification prior to September 2005 must update their certification to include the updated 3rd and 4th Editions of SP001. It is anticipated that this Updated Certification program will be available through the STI website by Fall of 2006.

A balanced number of inspectors, oil company representatives, engineers, manufacturers and regulators participated in the committee charged with the updating of the SP001 Standard. The committee's work stemmed in part from revisions of the SPCC regulations, created by EPA to prevent oil pollution of the nation's water, which were published in August 2002. The rule incorporated provisions for all regulated tanks to be integrity tested. National standards, such as SP001, play an important role in helping tank owners to comply with the regulation.

For more information please contact Dana Schmidt, (847) 438-8265 ext. 246. To purchase a copy of the Standard for \$ 125.00 (plus S & H) visit the STI/SPFA website at,

www.steeltank.com/publications_order_form.aspx.

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