

# Nebraska State Fire Marshal

## Fuels Safety Division—FLST Section

### UST Inspection Checklist



**Facility Name:** CORNER STOP INC

**Facility ID #:** 7759

**Date of Inspection:** 04/16/2026

**Jurisdiction:** NE

Inspection Type	Action
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revisit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orders Issued <input type="checkbox"/> Tanks Approved (List SFM ID#s): <input type="checkbox"/> Operating Permit To Follow <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GIS: N41*26.337' W097*19.784' ELEV. 1446' <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delivery Prohibited (List SFM ID#s): 01, 02, 03

# NEBRASKA

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STATE FIRE MARSHAL AGENCY



Jim Pillen, Governor

April 16, 2026

Corner Stop Inc  
Atten: Maulin Patel  
10708 M St  
Omaha, Ne 68127

Facility ID: 7759  
Facility Location: Corner Stop Inc  
220E 23<sup>rd</sup> St  
Columbus, Ne 68601

Dear Mr. Patel,

Due to failure to comply with the requirements of Title 159 Chapter 7, Chapter 5 and Chapter 13, tanks 001, 002, and 003 of your facility are hereby subject to delivery prohibition. Title 159 specifies Underground Storage Tank (UST) systems may be subject to delivery prohibition as a result of non-compliance with Leak Detection Requirements of Chapter 7. (Title 159 001.01B) Overfill Requirements Chapter 5. (Title 159 Chapter 5 001.01D) Operator Training Requirements of Chapter 13. (Title 159 Chapter 13 001.01F) Lawful orders were issued to correct the above items on March 30, 2026, during which time none of these items have been resolved.

The following list applies to UST systems subject to delivery prohibition:

- A. No owner or operator may deposit or accept the deposit of any regulated substance into an UST system that has been designated as ineligible for fuel deliveries by the application of a red tag. TITLE 159 11-002.01
- B. No product deliverer or other person may deliver or deposit any regulated substance into an UST system that has been designated as ineligible for fuel deliveries by the application of a red tag. TITLE 159 11-002.02
- C. No person other than the State Fire Marshal shall remove a red tag from an UST system without prior approval. TITLE 159 11-003.01

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D. The State Fire Marshal shall verify compliance within two (2) business days of receiving a communication from the owner or operator that the corrections have been made. If the UST system is found to be eligible for delivery, the State Fire Marshal shall remove the red tag. As soon as practicable, but no more than three (3) business days after removal of the red tag, the facility shall be removed from the State Fire Marshal website list of sites ineligible for delivery. TITLE 159 11-003.02

In order to resume receiving fuel deliveries, please correct the violations as outlined on the attached order form and associated comments sheet. We look forward to resolving these items with you as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Larry Wiese #8742  
Deputy State Fire Marshal  
Fuels Division, FLST Section

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**Nebraska State Fire Marshal  
FLST Section**

**General UST Facility Comments/Corrections**

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<b>Facility Name:</b> CORNER STOP INC	<b>Date:</b> 04/16/2026	<b>Fac ID#</b> 7759
<b>Facility Address:</b> 220 E 23RD ST, COLUMBUS	<b>Number of USTs:</b> 3	

<b>Comments/Corrections Required</b>
<p>Revisit Inspection #1</p> <p>The following violations at this facility shall be corrected within 182 Days of this inspection.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Due to noncompliance of this facility from orders issued on initial inspection dated 03/30/2026, this facility is now Red Tagged. Facility must comply with all line items listed on initial inspection.</li><li>2. Facility is here by ordered to take all dispensers out of order. All nozzles are bagged.</li><li>3. Facility is here by ordered to empty all tanks immediately to a level of 1" or less of fuel and submit a Notification of Change (NOC) for Under Ground Storage Tanks (UST) to the implementing agency (Nebraska State Fire Marshal Fuels Division).</li><li>4. Facility is here by ordered to immediately submit a Notification of Change (NOC) for Under Ground Storage Tanks (UST) stating that these tanks are now entering Temporary Out of Use (TOU) to the implementing agency (Nebraska State Fire Marshal Fuels Division).</li><li>5. Facilities Red Tags can only be removed by authorized personal (Nebraska State Fire Marshal), unless otherwise directed by Chief Levering to authorize replacement personnel.</li><li>6. When an UST system is temporarily closed for more than 12 months, owners and operators must permanently close the UST system if it does not meet either performance standards in 40 CFR 280.20 for new UST systems or the upgrading requirements in 40 CFR 280.21</li><li>7. Facility will have 12 months to make corrections. At the end of 12 months with no change in status, facility will be required to enter into "permanently out of use" (POU). Once in POU the facility must close tanks by removal or close in place.</li><li>8. Tank E87, has 75.25" of fuel remaining, red tag number 0002061. Tank R87, has 30.75" of fuel remaining, red tag 0002062. Tank P91, has 49" of fuel remaining, red tag number 0002063.</li><li>9. Facility violation(s)/corrections noted in the Nebraska State Fire Marshal report are subject to penalty. Noncompliance of the item(s), in the allotted time in this report, could result in a violation notice given to the county attorney.</li></ol>

<b>Inspector's Signature:</b> LARRY WIESE 8742	<b>Date:</b> 04/16/2026
<b>Owner/Operator Name:</b> Maulin Patel/Garold Brandt	<b>Date:</b> 04/16/2026
<b>Signature:</b> 	

STATE OF NEBRASKA – STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Fuels Safety Division

246 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508-1804

ORDER FORM

V-010106

FACILITY ID#..... 7759

DATE OF INSPECTION..... 4/16/2026

OWNER..... CORNER STOP INC

OPERATOR/MANAGER..... MAULIN PATEL

FACILITY ADDRESS..... 220 E 23RD ST

CITY/TOWN..... COLUMBUS

COUNTY..... PLATTE

INSPECTION TYPE:      INITIAL       REVISIT

DELIVERY PROHIBITION AND DUTY OF PRODUCT DELIVERERS

001.01 Any UST system may be subject to delivery prohibition procedures when a facility is determined to be out of compliance with any of following provisions of Title 159:

001.01A. Tank registration requirements of Chapter 2;

001.01B. Leak detection requirements of Chapter 7;

001.01C. Spill prevention requirements of Chapter 5;

001.01D. Overfill requirements of Chapter 5;

001.01E. Recordkeeping requirements of Chapters 5, 6, 7; Corrosion protection requirements of Chapter 4; or

001.01F. Failure to designate a Class A, Class B and/or Class C operators pursuant to Chapter 13.

TITLE 159 CH 10, 001.01

002.01 No owner or operator may deposit or accept the deposit of any regulated substance into an UST system that has been designated as ineligible for fuel deliveries by the application of a red tag.

002.02 No product deliverer or other person may deliver or deposit any regulated substance into an UST system that has been designated as ineligible for fuel deliveries by the application of a red tag.

TITLE 159 CH 10, 002.01

REMOVAL OF RED TAGS

003.01 No person other than the State Fire Marshal will remove a red tag from an UST system without prior approval.

003.02 The State Fire Marshal will verify compliance within two (2) business days of receiving a communication from the owner or operator that the corrections have been made. If the UST system is found to be eligible for delivery, the State Fire Marshal will remove the red tag. As soon as practicable, but no more than three (3) business days after removal of the red tag, the facility will be removed from the State Fire Marshal website list of sites ineligible for delivery.

DUTY OF PRODUCT DELIVERERS

004.01 Any person who deposits regulated substances in an UST system will reasonably notify the owner or operator of such tank registration requirements pursuant to the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act. TITLE 159 CH 10, 003

§280.22 Notification requirements.

(a) Any owner who brings an underground storage tank system into use after May 8, 1986, must within 30 days of bringing such tank into use, submit, in the form prescribed in appendix I of this part, a notice of existence of such tank system to the state or local agency or department designated in appendix II of this part to receive such notice.

Note: Owners and operators of UST systems that were in the ground on or after May 8, 1986, unless taken out of operation on or before January 1, 1974, were required to notify the designated state or local agency in accordance with the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984, Pub. L. 98-616, on a form published by EPA on November 8, 1985 (50 FR 46602) unless notice was given pursuant to section 103(c) of CERCLA. Owners and operators who have not complied with the notification requirements may use portions I through VI of the notification form contained in appendix I of this part.

(b) In states where state law, regulations, or procedures require owners to use forms that differ from those set forth in appendix I of this part to fulfill the requirements of this section, the state forms may be submitted in lieu of the forms set forth in Appendix I of this part. If a state requires that its form be used in lieu of the form presented in this regulation, such form must meet the requirements of section 9002.

(c) Owners required to submit notices under paragraph (a) of this section must provide notices to the appropriate agencies or departments identified in appendix II of this part for each tank they own. Owners may provide notice for several tanks using one notification form, but owners who own tanks located at more than one place of operation must file a separate notification form for each separate place of operation.

(d) Notices required to be submitted under paragraph (a) of this section must provide all of the information in sections I through VI of the prescribed form (or appropriate state form) for each tank for which notice must be given. Notices for tanks installed after December 22, 1988 must also provide all of the information in section VII of the prescribed form (or appropriate state form) for each tank for which notice must be given.

(e) All owners and operators of new UST systems must certify in the notification form compliance with the following requirements:

- (1) Installation of tanks and piping under §280.20(e);
- (2) Cathodic protection of steel tanks and piping under §280.20 (a) and (b);
- (3) Financial responsibility under subpart H of this part; and
- (4) Release detection under §§280.41 and 280.42.

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(f) All owners and operators of new UST systems must ensure that the installer certifies in the notification form that the methods used to install the tanks and piping complies with the requirements in §280.20(d).

(g) Beginning October 24, 1988, any person who sells a tank intended to be used as an underground storage tank must notify the purchaser of such tank of the owner's notification obligations under paragraph (a) of this section. The form provided in appendix III of this part may be used to comply with this requirement.

(a) When an UST system is temporarily closed, owners and operators must continue operation and maintenance of corrosion protection in accordance with § 280.31, and any release detection in accordance

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with subparts D and K of this part. Subparts E and F of this part must be complied with if a release is suspected or confirmed. However, release detection and release detection operation and maintenance testing and inspections in subparts C and D of this part are not required as long as the UST system is empty. The UST system is empty when all materials have been removed using commonly employed practices so that no more than 2.5 centimeters (one inch) of residue, or 0.3 percent by weight of the total capacity of the UST system, remain in the system. In addition, spill and overfill operation and maintenance testing and inspections in subpart C of this part are not required.

(b) When an UST system is temporarily closed for 3 months or more, owners and operators must also comply with the following requirements:

(1) Leave vent lines open and functioning; and

(2) Cap and secure all other lines, pumps, manways, and ancillary equipment.

(c) When an UST system is temporarily closed for more than 12 months, owners and operators must permanently close the UST system if it does not meet either performance standards in § 280.20 for new UST systems or the upgrading requirements in § 280.21, except that the spill and overfill equipment requirements do not have to be met. Owners and operators must permanently close the substandard UST systems at the end of this 12-month period in accordance with §§ 280.71 through 280.74, unless the implementing agency provides an extension of the 12-month temporary closure period. Owners and operators must complete a site assessment in accordance with § 280.72 before such an extension can be applied for.

#### 40 CFR 280.70

Underground tanks shall be rendered temporarily out of service only when it is planned that they will be returned to active service, closed in place permanently, or removed within an approved period not exceeding 1 year. The following requirements shall be met:

(1) Corrosion protection and release detection systems shall be maintained in operation.

(2) The vent line shall be left open and functioning.

(3) The tank shall be secured against tampering.

(4) All other lines shall be capped or plugged.

#### NFPA 30 21.7.4.3.2

Tanks remaining temporarily out of service for more than 1 year shall be permanently closed in place or removed in accordance with 21.7.4.3.3 or 21.7.4.3.4, as applicable.

#### NFPA 30 21.7.4.3.2.1

Underground tanks taken out of service or abandoned shall be emptied of liquid, rendered vapor-free, and safeguarded against trespassing in accordance with this section and in accordance with NFPA 326, Standard for the Safeguarding of Tanks and Containers for Entry, Cleaning, or Repair, or in accordance with the requirements of the authority having jurisdiction. The procedures outlined in this section shall be followed when taking underground tanks temporarily out of service, closing them in place permanently, or removing them.

#### NFPA 30 21.7.4.3.1

#### PERMANENT CLOSURE IN PLACE

Underground tanks shall be permitted to be permanently closed in place if approved by the authority having jurisdiction. All of the following requirements shall be met:

(1) All applicable authorities having jurisdiction shall be notified.

(2)\*A safe workplace shall be maintained throughout the prescribed activities.

(3) All flammable and combustible liquids and residues shall be removed from the tank, appurtenances, and piping and shall be disposed of in accordance with regulatory requirements and industry practices, using a written procedure.

(4) The tank, appurtenances, and piping shall be made safe by either purging them of flammable vapors or inerting the potential explosive atmosphere. Confirmation that the atmosphere in the tank is safe shall be by testing of the atmosphere using a combustible gas indicator if purging, or an oxygen meter if inerting, at intervals in accordance with written procedures.

(5) Access to the tank shall be made by careful excavation to the top of the tank.

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- (6) All exposed piping, gauging and tank fixtures, and other appurtenances, except the vent, shall be disconnected and removed.
- (7) The tank shall be completely filled with an inert solid material.
- (8) The tank vent and remaining underground piping shall be capped or removed.
- (9) The tank excavation shall be backfilled.

NFPA 30 21.7.4.3.3

#### REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL

Underground tanks and piping shall be removed in accordance with the following requirements:

- (1) The steps described in 21.7.4.3.3(1) through 21.7.4.3.3(5) shall be followed.
- (2) All exposed piping, gauging and tank fixtures, and other appurtenances, including the vent, shall be disconnected and removed.
- (3) All openings shall be plugged, leaving a 1/4 in. (6 mm) opening to avoid buildup of pressure in the tank.
- (4) The tank shall be removed from the excavated site and shall be secured against movement.
- (5) Any corrosion holes shall be plugged.
- (6) The tank shall be labeled with its former contents, present vapor state, vapor-freeing method, and a warning against reuse.
- (7) The tank shall be removed from the site as authorized by the authority having jurisdiction, preferably the same day.

NFPA 30 21.7.4.3.4

Any person violating the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act or the rules, regulations, or orders of the State Fire Marshal or the Department of Environment and Energy adopted and promulgated or issued pursuant to such act shall be subject to a civil fine of not more than five thousand dollars for each offense and, in the case of a continuing violation, each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense. In assessing the amount of the fine, the court shall consider the size of the operation and the degree and extent of the pollution.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-15,125

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If you have questions regarding this Order, contact the State Fire Marshal Office Fuels Safety Division at 402-471-9465, or mail at: State Fire Marshal Office, Fuels Safety Division, 246<sup>th</sup> South 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE, 68508-1804

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*All items must be corrected to comply with the laws of the State of Nebraska and with rules and regulations adopted by the Nebraska State Fire Marshal as mandated by Sections 81-502 to 81-541.01 and 81-15,119 to 81-15,127.*

*It is the duty of the owner or person in charge of the above-named facility or location to immediately take measures to bring the facility into compliance with state regulations.*

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**ALL CORRECTIONS SHALL BE MADE**

**AND ALL ITEMS CORRECTED ON OR**

**October 15, 2026**

**BEFORE:**

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**Any damage proximately caused by a failure to remedy the above listed deficiencies shall be deemed to be the sole responsibility of the owner or person in charge by virtue of this notification and order.**

Witness my electronically typed name at COLUMBUS, Nebraska, this day of April 16, 2026.

By: Larry Wiese 8742

Phone Number: 402-649-7020

DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHAL