Primary containment of bulk liquid pesticides—Abandoned storage containers. (1) Storage containers used at a permanent storage facility, or used for temporary field storage to hold liquid bulk pesticide or pesticide rinsate are considered abandoned if they have been out of service for more than six consecutive months because of a weakness or leak, or have been out of service for any reason for more than two years without an integrity test having been performed.

(2) Abandoned underground storage containers containing pesticides which meet the definition of hazardous substance underground storage tank system in chapter 173-360 WAC are subject to the applicable requirements in that chapter.

(3) Abandoned above ground storage containers shall be thoroughly cleaned. All hatches on the storage containers shall be secured and all valves or connections shall be severed or plugged with vents being left functional.

(4) Abandoned above ground storage containers shall be posted with a clearly legible tag with the words "Out of Service."

(5) Abandoned storage containers shall not be allowed to be put back in service on the same site without first installing secondary containment protection.

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