

## *Questions and Answers Permit Party Status & Inspection Appeal*

**How do I obtain party status to US DOT Special Permit #13554 for nurse tanks my business plans to operate under the conditions of the special permit?**

**Answer:** There are two options for applying for party status to SP 13554:

1. Businesses can apply for party status via the TFI website at:  
<http://www.nursetank.org/register.shtml>
  - A business must apply for party status for each facility it operates that has nurse tanks operated under the special permit
  - The business must maintain a copy of the special permit in its files
  - The business must maintain a copy of the special permit authorization letter (available from the website above).
  - The business must comply with all conditions of the special permit.
  - The Fertilizer Institute will renew a business's party status before the expiration date for firms that registered for party status at the above link.
2. Companies can also apply for party status on their own.
  - A business can file for party status directly to the US DOT for each facility that has nurse tanks operating under the special permit.
  - The business must maintain a copy of the special permit in its files.
  - The business must maintain a copy of the special permit authorization letter sent by the US DOT.
  - The business must comply with all conditions of the special permit.
  - A business that chooses to file for party status under this option is responsible for renewing and extending its party status prior to the expiration of the previous term.

**How do I appeal an enforcement decision related to the anhydrous ammonia nurse tank spring inspections?**

**Answer:** A business that wishes to appeal an inspection decision must do the following:

- Provide a reference statement in the written response that says that the business is contesting an inspection decision related to the spring nurse tank inspections.
- Identify each decision that is being contested and prepare a narrative of the justifications that explain why the agency's findings were inappropriate.

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