

Simple Steps to Safeguard the Condition of Your Stored Fuel and Prepare Properly

You have patients, constituents, people that you're responsible for, and you know that simply doing your job during these trying times gives them at least a little bit of peace in the storm - and we all appreciate your work.

While you're busy preparing and dealing with new policies and procedures during this situation, please be sure your stored fuel systems are always in good condition & working order and able to deliver power to critical equipment.

As members of the Florida Healthcare Engineering Association, we're recommending the following simple steps to safeguard the condition of your stored fuel and prepare properly.

Check your tanks for water

Water's the big problem that all tanks develop over time. If you haven't done so in the last couple of weeks, stick your tanks manually for water. If you have a sizable water layer at the bottom, that's a warning sign of possible issues.

Do a clarity check of your fuel

This is easy to do but can go a long way. Pull a fuel sample in a clear container, let it settle for a few minutes, and look at it. Smell it. Oftentimes, changes in how the fuel looks and smells (what we'd call a sensory check) are strong hints that something's gone on in your tank that can threaten its performance in an emergency.

Check your test records to make sure they're up to date

If you're in a position where you have rules and regulations that involve keeping test records for your fuel and tank(s), this may be a good time to check those and make sure you have everything you need. Doing this not only ensures you're satisfying all your requirements; it will also put your eyes back on your fuel and tanks with respect to what condition they're in. Sometimes, taking a fresh look at these things can help us see something important we may have overlooked before.

We're also here to help. We've got lots of boots on the ground in multiple states and if the resources are available, we may be able to come to you.

To help offer further peace of mind, we can send a Bell FTS certified technician to perform a fuel condition/preparedness check on your stored fuel systems; all charges/fees will be waived for the condition check. It's one less thing you to have on your plate, at a time when we all have other things on our mind.

We are paying attention to the latest guidelines from the CDC and the President on making sure our staff stays safe and healthy so we may continue to help you.

Keeping your stored fuel healthy and ready for action is more complicated than it used to be. So in these trying times, we also want to help by being here to answer your questions. If you have questions about your fuel and what you should or should not be doing, call us at the Bell Performance office at 407-831-5021.

Ask to speak to James or any of our other staff, and we'll get you the help you need.