

Underground Storage Tank Project

The fuel dock at Santa Barbara Harbor is an important and busy place. On any given day dozens of fishing vessels, workboats, sailboats, and power boats tie up to fill up with gasoline and diesel. Without the fuel dock, most maritime operations out of our harbor would come to a screeching halt.

The underground storage tanks (USTs) that supply the fuel dock are located just west of the building at 125 Harbor Way (see map). The four tanks, installed in 1983, are single-walled which is more prone to leaks than newer, double-walled tanks. In fact, the Health and Safety Code was recently amended requiring replacement of all existing single-walled USTs with double-walled USTs by 2025.

To comply with the code, Santa Barbara Fuel Dock, Inc. (formerly known as McCormix), began preparing a plan to replace the four existing single-walled 10,000 gallon USTs with two 20,000 gallon double-walled USTs. After a lot of work and public outreach, the Underground Fuel Storage Tank Replacement project will begin on Tuesday, February 18th. The project is estimated to take 60 to 90 days and will significantly limit access to the harbor commercial area through Harbor Way. **All harbor businesses will be accessible during the project** and fuel will be delivered by trucks to boats at the City Pier. Vehicular access beyond the construction site will be limited to operations essential to maintaining our working harbor.

For more information, call 805-564-5530.

