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1. *Can an OBT3 perform “comprehensive” inspections?*  
Yes, provided the OBT3 is under the general supervision of an OBT1 or OBT2.
2. *Are copper pipe/tubes acceptable as fill and vent pipes?*  
Section 8.3.1.2 of CSA-B139-00 states that fill or vent pipes must be of steel or galvanized construction. This requirement became effective on October 1, 2001. Installations prior to this date are considered approved provided the installation complied with the code at the time of installation. This includes, but is not limited to, sizing and connections.
3. *Are copper lines in concrete acceptable?*  
Section 8.3.5 of CSA-B139-00 states that piping or tubing in solid flooring shall be laid in channels or encased in ventilated ducts. This requirement became effective on October 1, 2001. Installations prior to this date are considered approved provided inspections confirm that the copper does not show any signs of deterioration where the line enters and exits the concrete and tests indicate that the line is not leaking.
4. *Are compression fittings acceptable?*  
Section 8.3.4(b) of CSA-B139-00 states that compression fittings shall not be used. This requirement became effective October 1, 2001. Installations prior to this date are considered approved provided the compression fittings are not leaking.
5. *For every customer that we supply fuel, will we have to retain a copy of the comprehensive inspection and either the inside tank inspection or outside tank inspection checksheets?*  
Section 7(2) of Ontario Regulation 214/01, Fuel Oil, requires a distributor to prepare a report on each inspection made and to retain the report until the next inspection and report are completed.

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6. *What age do aboveground fuel oil tanks have to be replaced?*  
An existing aboveground fuel oil tank is considered approved provided the tank was installed in accordance with the code at the time of installation. As long as the tank is not leaking, there is no age in which the tank must be replaced.
  
7. *Can aboveground tanks labelled “Inside Tank” be installed outdoors?*  
No. These tanks were certified for indoor use and installing them outdoors would void its approval.

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