

Unified Program Newsletter – May 2019

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CalEPA

CERS Knowledge Base, Help Articles and FAQs

(<https://cers.calepa.ca.gov/newsletter-articles>)

How to Create User Name and Password

(<https://cers.calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2019/05/How-to-create-a-CERS-Username-and-Password.pdf>)

CERS 3.0 has released! What's New?

The CERS 3.0 release includes enhancements to CERS 2.0 relative to the following Unified Program elements: Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act Program (APSA), Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program, Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) reporting and California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) Reports.

Click here [CERS 3 Changes Overview](#) for additional information regarding the CERS 3.0 enhancements and changes.

(<https://cers.calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2019/02/CERS-3-Change-Summary.pdf>)

2019 Unified Program Violation Library Revisions in CERS

The Data Steering Committee and Enforcement Steering Committee have approved the 2019 Unified Program Violation Library revisions as suggested by the Violation Library Workgroup. CalEPA information technology personnel have begun making the revisions to the existing Violation Library in the CERS testing environment. CalEPA quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) of the revisions made in the CERS testing environment is scheduled to begin no later than July 8, 2019.

By August 31, 2019, the 2019 Violation Library revisions should be reflected in all related documents and systems (i.e. CUPA-specific violation libraries, violations in all applicable Unified Program inspection checklists, local data management systems, etc.). Unified Program Agencies should contact the appropriate data services vendors to ensure the CERS Violation Library in local data management systems reflect the 2019 revisions in CERS. Once QA/QC in the CERS testing environment is completed, the Violation Library revisions will be published in the CERS production environment. The new revisions to the CERS Violation Library are scheduled to go live in the production environment on September 1, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact Kareem Taylor at (916) 327-9557 or by email at kareem.taylor@calepa.ca.gov.

Imperial County Responds to CalEPA's Notice of Intent to Deny CUPA Certification

On August 31, 2018, the Imperial County Fire Department (ICFD) submitted an application to become the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) for the County of Imperial. On April 3, 2019, Secretary Blumenfeld issued a [Notice of Intent](#) to deny the ICFD application, citing a number of inconsistencies and gaps in the application. (<https://calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2019/05/Imperial-Notice-of-Intent-to-Deny-CUPA-Application-remailed-4-3-19.pdf>)

On May 6, 2019, ICFD submitted a revised application and request for a second public hearing.

The state's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) currently serves as the CUPA for Imperial County on the public's behalf. To learn more, read the Imperial County Fire Department's [response letter](#) addressed to Secretary Blumenfeld and the [revised Application for CUPA Certification](#). (<https://calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2019/05/Imperial-CFD-CUPA-Application-Response-Letter-5-6-19.pdf>) (<https://calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2019/05/Imperial-CFD-CUPA-Application-revised-5-2019.pdf>)

Attachments accompanying the revised application are available below. CalEPA will post further details when the public hearing is scheduled.

[Attachment 1](#): Board of Supervisor's Authorization to Apply

<https://calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2019/05/Imperial-CFD-CUPA-App-5-2019-Attachment-1.pdf>

[Attachment 2](#): Draft Ordinance

<https://calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2019/05/Imperial-CFD-CUPA-App-5-2019-Attachment-2.pdf>

[Attachment 3](#): Sample Consolidated Permit

<https://calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2019/05/Imperial-CFD-CUPA-App-5-2019-Attachment-3.pdf>

[Attachment 4](#): CERS User Guide

<https://calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2019/05/Imperial-CFD-CUPA-App-5-2019-Attachment-4.pdf>

[Attachment 5: Reporting and Auditing Requirements](#)

<https://calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2019/05/Imperial-CFD-CUPA-App-5-2019-Attachment-5.pdf>

[Attachment 6: Imperial County Area Plan](#)

<https://calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2019/05/Imperial-CFD-CUPA-App-5-2019-Attachment-6.pdf>

[Attachment 7: Surcharge Transmittal Report](#)

<https://calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2019/05/Imperial-CFD-CUPA-App-5-2019-Attachment-7.pdf>

[Attachment 8: Annual Single Fee Summary Report](#)

<https://calepa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2019/05/Imperial-CFD-CUPA-App-5-2019-Attachment-8.pdf>

The original application submitted by ICFD and state agency comments regarding the original application are available at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/>.

DTSC

Public Workshop on Administrative Penalties Regulations to Evaluate Possible Revisions

To All Interested Community Members and Stakeholders:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control will hold a public workshop on June 7, 2019, to evaluate the current Administrative Penalties Regulations (22 CCR 66272.60-66272.69) for violations of California's Hazardous Waste Control Law and discuss possible revisions to the regulations.

This workshop will offer the opportunity for public discussion, and is intended to gather comments and opinions from the public regarding whether the Administrative Penalties Regulations should be reexamined and potentially revised.

The public workshop will be held at the following time and location:

Date: June 7, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. –12:15 p.m. (PDT)

Location: Boardroom, DTSC Sacramento Regional Office, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento California

Please register for this event by clicking on the following Eventbrite link: [Click here](#). Registration is required. Seats are limited to 40 participants. Registration will be available until 5:00 p.m. on June 3, 2019.

(<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/public-workshop-on-penalties-regulations-to-evaluate-possible-revisions-registration-61048461592?aff=DTSCLists>)

A similar public workshop will be conducted in Southern California in late July or August 2019, and a detailed announcement will be issued to community members and stakeholders at least two weeks prior to the workshop.

The preliminary workshop agenda is available on the Eventbrite registration page link above.

For your reference, here is a link to the current Administrative Penalties Regulations:

[Penalty Regulations](#)

([https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations?guid=I3BDE97B0D4BB11DE8879F88E8B0DAAAE&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=Default&contextData=\(sc.Default\)](https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations?guid=I3BDE97B0D4BB11DE8879F88E8B0DAAAE&originationContext=documenttoc&transitionType=Default&contextData=(sc.Default)))

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