

Unified Program Newsletter – May 2025

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State Water Board

Single-Walled UST Survey

On March 7, 2025, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) requested the Unified Program Agencies (UPAs) provide the most current information on all single-walled underground storage tanks (USTs) within their jurisdiction that are subject to Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7 section 25292.05. The State Water Board will use the survey data to assist UPAs with planning and resource allocation, including providing red tag supplies for UPAs later this year in preparation for the single-walled UST closure deadline. An overview of the survey results is shown below:

- 420 facilities with 1,172 single-walled tanks
 - 51 of these facilities are government owned
- 57 facilities with 140 double-walled tanks with single-walled pipe only
 - 13 of these facilities are government owned
- 28 facilities with 39 single-walled emergency tank systems
 - 8 facilities are government owned
- 51 facilities are within 1,000 ft of a public drinking water well
- 318 (67%) facilities have not submitted a UST closure permit application

- 73 facilities have a Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading UST (RUST) application under review

All UPA data provided from the survey is located on the [State Water Board Single-Walled UST](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/single_walled.html) webpage (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/single_walled.html) in the “[List of Single-Walled Facilities from Unified Program Agencies-April 2025](#)” spreadsheet (<https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.waterboards.ca.gov%2Fust%2Fdocs%2Fsw-facilities-unified-program-agencies.xlsx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK>)

For additional information regarding the list of single-walled UST facilities, contact: Jenna Hartman at (916) 327-8563 or Jenna.Hartman@waterboards.ca.gov.

Notice of Modified Proposed Underground Storage Tank Reporting Regulations and Opportunity to Provide Comment

On May 2, 2025, the State Water Board notified UST stakeholders of the modified proposed amendments to the UST Regulations via an email through the [UST GovDelivery subscription](#) list (<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/CAWRCB/subscriber/new?qsp=ust>). Based on feedback received during the 45-day public comment period, the modified proposed amendments address changes made to exempt facilities, secondary containment requirements, compliance requirements, and alternative monitoring requirements.

The 15-day public comment period for the proposed modifications to the UST Regulations is currently open and will close on **May 19, 2025, at 12:00pm**. Any interested person may submit written comments relevant to the proposed UST Regulations to Ms. Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, by fax at (916) 341-5620, or by mail or hand delivery addressed to:

Ms. Courtney Tyler, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-0100 (by mail)
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (by hand delivery)

The proposed rulemaking package and information on how to submit comments are available on the [Proposed Chapter 16 Rewrite Regulations](#) webpage (https://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/leak_prevention/chapter16/rewrite.html).

For additional information regarding the modified proposed UST Regulations, contact Austin Lemire-Baeten at (916) 325-5612 or Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov, or Tom Henderson at (916) 319-9128 or Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov.

Red Tag Data

The results from the July – December 2024 Report 6 are now available on the [UST Leak Prevention](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/) webpage. Additionally, the red tag application data from this report has been updated on the [UST Red Tag Requirements and Guidance](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/enforcement/red_tag_regs_index.html) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/enforcement/red_tag_regs_index.html) webpage.

For additional information regarding Report 6 or the red tag application data, contact: Magnolia Busse at (916) 341-5870 or Magnolia.Busse@waterboards.ca.gov.

Office of Tank Tester Licensing Webpage Update

The Office of Tank Tester Licensing (OTTL) has updated [Local Guidance \(LG\) 105](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/leak_prevention/lgs/105_12.html) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/leak_prevention/lgs/105_12.html) on the [OTTL website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/tank_testers/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/tank_testers/) to reflect the current list of State Water Board licensed tank testers. In addition to LG-105, the OTTL website includes links to OTTL Regulations, OTTL testing notification forms, and LG-113. The OTTL website also provides licensing information for applicants and study materials for the exam.

For additional information regarding the OTTL website updates, contact: Kaitlin Cottrell at (916) 319-0742 or Kaitlin.Cottrell@waterboards.ca.gov.

27th Annual CUPA Conference – UST Prevention Presentations

Penalty Assessment Panel

Jenna Hartman presented in a penalty assessment panel discussion with the Department of Toxic Substances, Office of the State Fire Marshal, and Orange County CUPA. The panel covered similarities and differences in the enforcement process between the state and UPA agencies, shared tips for assessing penalties, and responded to questions about navigating the formal enforcement process.

UST Regulations Stakeholder Impacts

Greg Breshears and Austin Lemire-Baeten spoke on how the proposed changes to the UST Regulations will affect different UST personnel, including owners, operators, service technicians, installers, and UPAs. Additional resources related to the UST Regulations Rewrite are available on the [Proposed Chapter 16 Rewrite Regulations](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/leak_prevention/chapter16/rewrite.html) website (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/leak_prevention/chapter16/rewrite.html).

Preparing for 2026- The UST Leak Prevention Program Update

Tom Henderson presented the State Water Board's annual update on the UST Program, covering program statistics, expectations for permanent closure of single-walled tanks, the UST Regulations rewrite, and UPA UST evaluation updates.

TCR & Report 6: How to Thrive & Survive your UST Evaluation

Magnolia Busse, Kaitlin Cottrell, and Michelle Suh presented the connection between UST inspection reports, Report 6, and Technical Compliance Rate (TCR), highlighting their impact on CUPA performance evaluations. The [presentation](#) also included an overview of the CUPA Evaluation Process

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/performance-evaluations/) website and highlighted available resources to help managers and UST inspectors understand the data reviewed by the evaluation staff.

The CUPA Performance Evaluation and Assessment Process

Magnolia Busse, Michelle Suh, and other state agency evaluators presented on the CUPA performance evaluation process. The presentation covered the State Water Board's UST program assessment, including recent changes to the Supplemental Questionnaire, available training opportunities, and improvements to the overall UST evaluation process. Additionally, it included a walkthrough of the [CUPA Evaluation Process](#) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/performance-evaluations/) website.

DTSC

2025 Electronic Verification Questionnaire Report Cycle Closure

Hazardous waste handlers must complete the 2025 electronic Verification Questionnaire (eVQ), which was due by March 31, 2025. The eVQ System will remain open until May 30, 2025, at 5 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, to accept late submissions.

- ▷ **Website:** <https://evq.dtsc.ca.gov/Home.aspx>
- ▷ **Training Video:** <https://dtsc.ca.gov/evq-training-video/>
- ▷ **Email:** eVQ@dtsc.ca.gov

Toll-free Number: 1-877-454-4012 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA) Advisory Committee

The next APSA Advisory Committee meeting will be held on June 16, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. The agenda will be available at least 10 days before the meeting on the APSA Advisory Committee website (<https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/committees/aboveground-petroleum-storage-act-apsa-advisory-committee>).

APSA Facility Information Submittals

As of April 28, 2025, the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) indicates 12,668 (73 percent) of 17,324 APSA tank facilities completed and submitted their APSA Facility Information within the last 12 months.

More information on APSA CERS submittals may be found on the following OSFM websites:

- ## APSA Program Webinars

Use the link below to join the webinar on June 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Join the June 2 webinar via Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 284 186 412 963 6

Passcode: Fi3Zw9QS

Dial in by phone: +1 (650) 564-3271

Phone conference ID: 493 536 647#

Use the link below to join the webinar on June 3 at 10:00 a.m.

[Join the June 3 webinar via Microsoft Teams](#)

(<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup->

join/19%3ameeting_MWVIZTImODEtM2U4YS00OWQ4LWEyMzltMGZjZmI4ZjgxZWJh
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