

## Unified Program Newsletter – April 2026

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### DTSC

#### **Inactivation of ID Numbers Due to Non-Compliance of the Annual Electronic Verification Questionnaire**

Hazardous waste handlers who were required to complete the 2026 electronic Verification Questionnaire (eVQ) and did not do so by March 31st, had their ID numbers inactivated on April 1, 2026. Failure to meet this deadline is a violation, and handlers will incur late reporting penalties starting April 1, 2026. A handler shall be assessed a separate violation for each hazardous waste ID number that does not comply with this requirement (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 22, Section 66269.32). **Late eVQ submissions will be accepted until June 1, 2026, when the eVQ System closes.** Completing the eVQ doesn't automatically reactivate an inactive ID number. A handler will need to select the "reactivate" checkbox in Step 3 of the questionnaire and complete all steps until their questionnaire is completed.

- **Website:** <https://evq.dtsc.ca.gov>
- **Training Video:** <https://dtsc.ca.gov/evq-training-video/>
- **Email:** [eVQ@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:eVQ@dtsc.ca.gov)
- **Toll-free Number:** 1-877-454-4012, Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Pacific Time

#### **Hazardous Waste Tracking System and RCRAInfo System User Accounts Cleanup**

Security best practices and standards require user accounts to be removed or disabled within a set amount of time. Stale accounts pose a security risk as each one of these accounts offers a bad actor an opportunity to gain access to the respective system's data and resources. If you are a manager or supervisor, e-mail [myRCRAid@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:myRCRAid@dtsc.ca.gov) to request a list of active Hazardous Waste Tracking System and RCRAInfo regulatory agency user accounts from your agency. Review the list to identify employees who are no longer with your agency or no longer need access, so that DTSC can deactivate these user accounts.

### **DTSC Webpage Survey**

We encourage CUPA managers to complete and share [this survey](#) with their inspectors. We are gathering feedback on making DTSC CUPA Support Branch's [web pages](#) (<https://dtsc.ca.gov/certified-unified-program-agencies-cupa/>) more useful to regulators and the regulated industry with regard to hazardous waste and Tiered Permitting. The [survey](#) is expected to take less than a minute to complete. (<https://forms.microsoft.com/g/q9L1zTDeb8>).

Please provide your **response by May 15, 2026**, or sooner.



### **Cal FIRE OSFM**

#### **Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA) Advisory Committee**

The next APSA Advisory Committee meeting will be held on April 30, 2026, at 9:00 AM. The agenda will be available on the APSA Advisory Committee website at least 10 days prior to the meeting: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/committees/aboveground-petroleum-storage-act-apsa-advisory-committee>.

#### **Frequently Cited Violations**

Since the APSA program regulations went into effect on December 17, 2024, Unified Program Agency (UPA) inspectors have been inspecting more APSA tank facilities with less than 10,000 gallons of petroleum, as well as conditionally exempt tank facilities. Some of these tank facilities have never had an APSA compliance inspection before or have not had a recent inspection.

The top 10 most frequently cited APSA program violations are listed below to help tank facilities prepare for their inspection.

- Failure to maintain written records of inspections and tests
- Failure to prepare a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan
- Failure to complete a review and evaluation of the SPCC Plan at least once every five years, document completion of the review, and sign a statement as to whether the SPCC Plan will be amended
- Failure to conduct a spill prevention briefing at least once a year and maintain records for at least three years
- Failure to provide (initial) training to all oil-handling personnel and maintain records for at least three years
- Tanks not inspected and/or integrity tested
- Failure to annually submit a tank facility statement or a complete hazardous material business plan in lieu of a tank facility statement
- Failure to implement the SPCC Plan
- Failure to address the type of oil and storage capacity for each container in the SPCC Plan
- Failure to maintain the SPCC Plan on site if the facility is normally attended at least four hours per day, or at the nearest field office if the facility is not so attended

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