

## Unified Program Newsletter – June 2018

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### CalEPA

**CERS Tips and Tricks** includes helpful explanations and resolutions to common issues that have been recently received by the CERS Technical Support Team.

#### To Sign In to CERS

Always use CERS Central to begin your session in CERS. Open your web browser and enter the URL <https://cers.calepa.ca.gov/>

Then, select the “Business Portal Sign In” button from the CERS Central Home page.

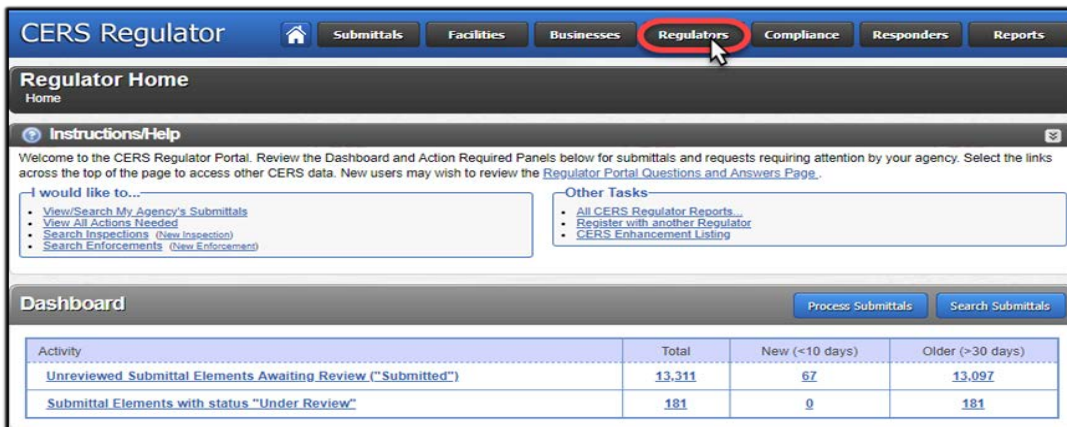
By accessing the business portal sign in page from CERS Central, the distribution domain will assign you to the currently active domain for a faster session. CERS Central also contains the latest updates and information for current alerts, outages, operating schedule changes, and announcements.

#### **How to Update Regulator Directory Information in CERS**

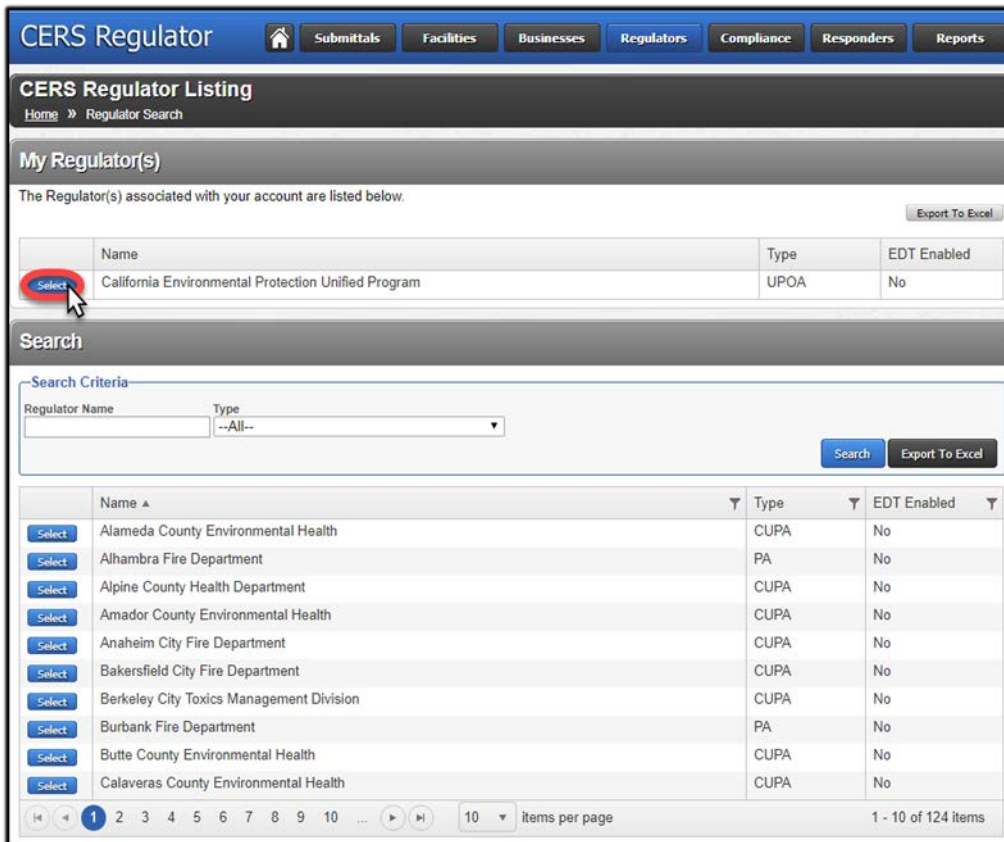
The following process outlines how to update Regulator Directory Information in the CERS Regulator portal.

**Please Note: Lead User permissions to the regulator/agency are required, in order to edit the Directory Information section, in CERS.**

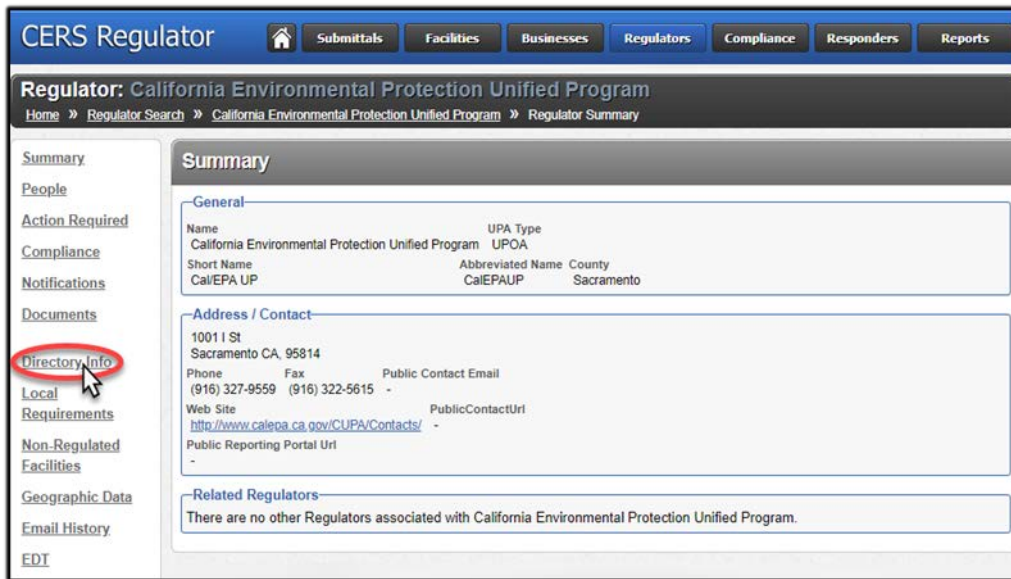
1. After signing in to the CERS Regulator portal, select the **Regulators** button from the menu bar.



2. Select your regulator/agency from the **My Regulator(s)** section. Or use the **Search**, below, to locate your regulator/agency.

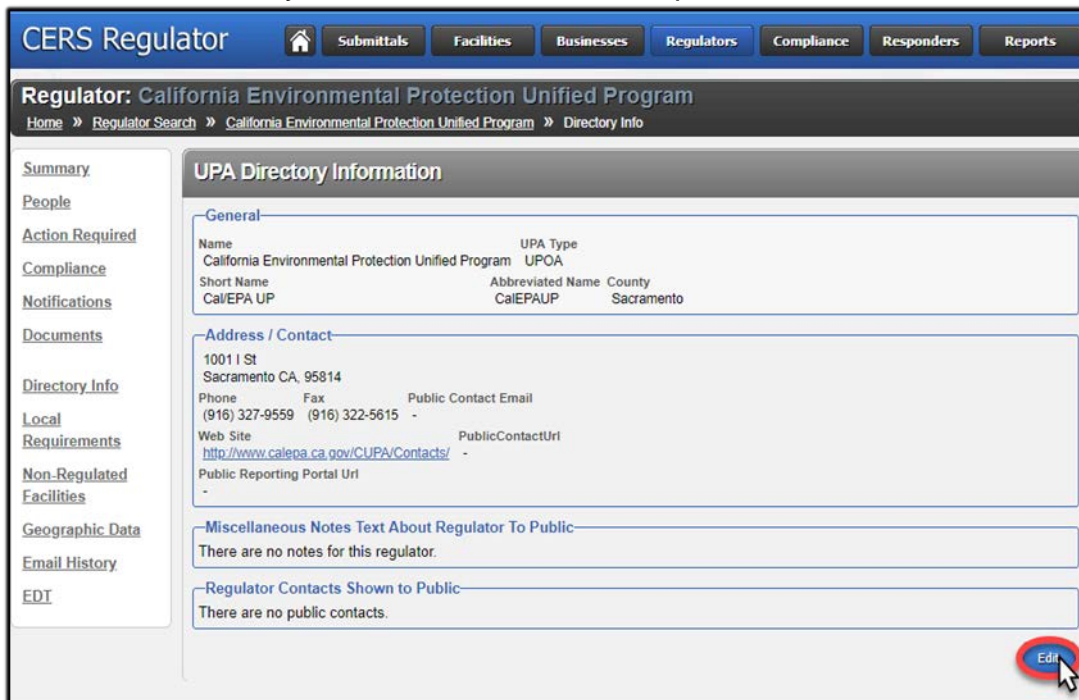


3. After selecting a regulator/agency, you will be taken to a **Summary** page. Select the **Directory Info** link from the menu, on the left.



4. Select the **Edit** button\* below the UPA Directory Information section, on the right.

\* **Please Note:** The **Edit** button will only be displayed if you have **Lead User** permissions to the regulator/agency, in CERS. To view your permissions, select the **People** link, from the menu on the left. Then select your name to view account permissions.



5. **Edit/update Directory Information**, as needed.  
Then select the **Save** button to update.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Regulator' form in the CERS Regulator application. The form is titled 'Regulator: California Environmental Protection Unified Program' and 'Edit Directory Information'. It contains several sections: 'General' with fields for Name, Short Name, UPA Type, and County; 'Address / Contact' with fields for Street, Address2, City, State, ZipCode, Phone, Fax, and Public Contact Email; 'Miscellaneous Notes Text About Regulator To Public' with a large text area; and 'Regulator Contacts Shown to Public' with a table for adding contacts. A red box highlights the 'Address / Contact' and 'Miscellaneous Notes' sections. A mouse cursor is pointing at the 'Save' button at the bottom right.

This will update the Regulator Directory Information in CERS, as well as the **Unified Program Regulator Directory** page at <http://cersapps.calepa.ca.gov/Public/Directory/> – provided on both the **CalEPA Unified Program** at <https://calepa.ca.gov/CUPA> and **CERS Central** at <https://cers.calepa.ca.gov> public websites.

## **State Water Board**

### **Adopted Underground Storage Tank Regulations**

During the June 5, 2018, Board Meeting, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the proposed amendments to the California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16 (California Underground Storage Tank (UST) Regulations). These new regulations are at least as stringent as the 40 Code of Federal Regulations, part 280. The adopted amendments to the regulations include, but are not limited to: 1) facility walkthrough inspections; 2) overflow prevention equipment inspections; 3) testing and inspecting equipment after a repair; 4) requirements for demonstrating compatibility; 5) training of employees prior to the first work day, and 6) line leak detection of piping connected to emergency generator tank systems.

A copy of the draft text of the adopted amendments is provided at [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/agendas/2018/jun/060518\\_3\\_att\\_a\\_strike.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/2018/jun/060518_3_att_a_strike.pdf)

The next step is for the State Water Board to submit the completed rulemaking package to the Office of Administrative Law for a 30-business day review before filing with the Secretary of State. The adopted amendments become effective on the first day of the quarter after filing the rulemaking package with the Secretary of State unless the proposed amendments provide a different effective date. State Water Board staff expect the proposed amendments to become effective the quarter beginning October 1, 2018.

Information on the Title 23 Federal Reconciliation Proposed Regulations is available at [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/adm\\_notices/fed\\_rec\\_regs](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/fed_rec_regs).

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Cory Hootman at [Cory.Hootman@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Cory.Hootman@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 341-5668.

### **New U.S. EPA Reporting Requirements**

The State Water Board is working with the CalEPA to address enhancements to CERS and ensure successful data collection and reporting to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). Changes to the significant operational compliance (SOC) reporting (Report 6) are the result of amendments to the California UST Regulations and 40 Code of Federal Regulations, part 280.

Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs) will continue to collect SOC data through September 30, 2018. Data collection for the new U.S. EPA performance measures, Total Compliance Reporting (TCR), will begin on October 1, 2018. The TCR data collection coincides with the implementation of the new California UST Regulations and amended CERS violation library. The Report 6 submittal for February, 2019, will be reported as SOC data for facilities inspected from July 1 through September 30, and as TCR data for inspections performed between October 1 through December 31, 2018. The State Water Board will provide detailed guidance to the CUPAs regarding new inspection and reporting criteria.

If you have questions regarding changes to the performance reporting criteria, please contact Mr. Tom Henderson at [Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 319-9128.

### **Revised CERS Violation Library**

The State Water Board has proposed changes to the CERS violation library. These changes are the result of amendments to California UST Regulations and changes to the U.S. EPA reporting requirements. The proposed violation library has been reviewed by the CalEPA violation library workgroup, the CUPAs, and the CUPA Forum Board. Currently the violation library is in the final approval process and should be available to the CUPAs in the next few weeks. The revised violation library, the amended California

UST Regulations, and the new U.S. EPA TCR data collection will all become effective on October 1, 2018.

If you have questions regarding changes to the violation library, please contact Mr. Tom Henderson at [Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 319-9128.

### **California UST Leak Prevention 2017 Annual Report**

The U.S. EPA, in collaboration with the State Water Board, published the California UST Leak Prevention: January – December, 2017, Annual Report. This report summarizes several topics such as the status of CERS Implementation, new releases, and the number of single-walled UST. Data used for the report was extracted from CERS, California GeoTracker database, and internal State Water Board reports. The report reflects 99.2% of UST facilities are now populated in CERS, seven new releases reported in 2017 and approximately 3,000 UST systems with single-walled components remain in California.

The report can be found on the website at

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/adm\\_notices/jan\\_dec2017\\_fnl\\_cal\\_ust\\_annual\\_rpt.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/jan_dec2017_fnl_cal_ust_annual_rpt.pdf)

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### **Single-Walled Underground Storage Tank Closure Initiative**

The State Water Board with assistance from the U.S. EPA has held three educational workshops and the first webinar in support of the Single-Walled Underground Storage Tank Closure Initiative (Initiative). The Initiative is intended to maximize the number of single-walled USTs permanently closed prior to the December 31, 2025, deadline. The Initiative intends to educate UST owners/operators on funding opportunities through the Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks (RUST) Program and the UST Cleanup Fund.

The State Water Board is currently preparing a webinar to present Initiative information for those who could not attend the previous events. The webinar link and time are provided below. Registration is not required; however, the video capacity is limited to 125 connections, and a call-in capacity of 300 incoming telephone lines.

Date: Thursday, June 28, 2018

Time: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Webinar Speakers: Tom Henderson, Janice Clemons, and Bridget Freeborn

The link to the webcast is available at

<https://stateofcaswrcbweb.centurylinkccc.com/CenturylinkWeb/LauraFisher>

Enter your name and email address and click on Join Meeting.  
After you have accessed the website, call in on your telephone.

Telephone: 1-720-279-0026

Participant pass code: 683375#

Attendees may pose written questions during the webinar. To ask a question, click on the Q&A icon located at the top of the page. Questions will be addressed at the end of the webinar.

For questions regarding the Initiative or upcoming webinar, please contact Ms. Brittany Baugher at [Brittany.Baugher@redhorsecorp.com](mailto:Brittany.Baugher@redhorsecorp.com) or (619) 241 4609 ext. 857 or Ms. Grasiela Gama at [Grasiela.Gama@redhorsecorp.com](mailto:Grasiela.Gama@redhorsecorp.com) or (619) 241 4609 ext. 857 or Mr. Tom Henderson at [Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 319 9128.

#### UST Lining and Repair – Notification Request

The State Water Board continues to see a large number of UST entries for primary repairs and linings. To better understand the root cause of the increase in repairs and lining, the State Water Board is requesting UPAs to notify the State Water Board prior to expected UST entries. The request for notification allows the State Water Board to follow the process and collect relevant information to assist in proper updates to the regulations. The State Water Board has revised the previously issued Tank Lining Notification and request the *Underground Storage Tank Entry Notification* form be used for all UST entries, including lining, periodic inspections, and repairs. The revised document can be found at

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/adm\\_notices/cupa\\_ust\\_entry\\_notification.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/adm_notices/cupa_ust_entry_notification.pdf)

The State Water Board is also finding that UST owners or operators are not adequately demonstrating the structural integrity of the USTs prior to lining or repairing. Some of the problems observed by the State Water Board are:

- Lining installed without structural integrity testing performed by a California State Licensed Engineer.
- UPAs not being presented with structural certifications prior to repair or lining.
- UPAs not reviewing structural certifications prior to authorizing repair or lining.
- Lining and repairs being performed without UPA notification or permits.
- Improper contractor licenses being utilized to perform tank entries.

For questions or notifications regarding notification of UST lining, repair, or entry, please contact Mr. Tom Henderson at [Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 319-9128.

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