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CERS Knowledge Base, Help Articles and FAQs
(https://cers.calepa.ca.gov/newsletter-articles)

Business Portal: How to upload Hazardous Materials Inventory or Owner/Operator Data to multiple facilities under one business

State Water Board

New Designated Underground Storage Tank Requirements

The full rulemaking record on the reconciliation of Chapter 16 of Division 3 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations with Part 280 of the 40 Code of Federal Regulations and other information on the new requirements can be found on the UST Program’s webpage for Information on the Title 23 Federal Reconciliation Regulations.
Report 6 Due September 1, 2019

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will soon distribute the Report 6 forms and instructions to all Unified Program Agencies (UPAs) for the reporting period January 1 - June 30, 2019. UPAs must submit Report 6 documents to State Water Board staff no later than September 1, 2019. Inspection data used to complete the Report 6 should consist only of Technical Compliance Rate (TCR) performance measures.

UPAs that have not transitioned to paperless reporting must submit the “paper” Report 6. UPAs approved for paperless reporting must run their Report 6 in the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS), verify their data, and submit a certification form to the State Water Board by the September 1, 2019, deadline. CERS 3.0 UST Program Reports now includes Report 6 data totaling routine inspections and TCR violations. The State Water Board encourages those UPAs who have not been approved for paperless reporting to continue working to correct their data. To request paperless reporting for the next reporting period, see the “Underground Storage Tank Report 6 Paperless Reporting Requirements” for more information at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/adm_notices/paperless_reporting_requirements.pdf.


For more information regarding Report 6, please contact Mr. Steven Mullery at (916) 341-5850 or by email at Steven.Mullery@waterboards.ca.gov, or Mr. Tom Henderson at (916) 319-9128 or by email at Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov.

Proposed UST Biodiesel Regulations

On May 12, 2019, the State Water Board distributed a Lyris email notifying regulators and stakeholders of proposed amendments to California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16 (UST Regulations), regarding the storage of biodiesel and the opportunity to comment on the amendments. The proposed amendment to section 2631 recognizes diesel containing 20 percent biodiesel (B20) as an equivalent to diesel stored in double-walled UST systems, unless any material or component of the UST system is determined not compatible with B20. The State Water Board also
proposes to delete section 2631.2, which provided a temporary variance for biodiesel blends from June 1, 2009, to June 1, 2012, because it is inoperative.

On May 22, 2019, the State Water Board distributed a Lyris email notifying UST regulators and stakeholders of a revised notice regarding the proposed amendments for the storage of biodiesel and the opportunity to comment on the amendments. The revised notice extended the comment period.

The public comment period for the proposed UST biodiesel regulations closed on July 1, 2019, at noon. The next step is to respond to comments received and schedule another public comment period if modifications are made or a Board Meeting to consider a resolution adopting the proposed amendments to the UST Regulations.

The Proposed Rulemaking Package is on our website at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/bio_regs/

For more information regarding the proposed UST biodiesel regulations, please contact Mr. Cory Hootman at (916) 341-5668 or by email at Cory.Hootman@waterboards.ca.gov.

**New Launch Date for the Revised International Code Council California Specific Exams**

International Code Council (ICC) has informed the State Water Board to expect the revised ICC California UST Inspector, California UST Service Technician, and California UST System Operator exams to be offered beginning in **August 2019**. The UST Monthly Update for April and June included the announcement that the exams were revised to reflect changes in UST statute, regulations, and reference materials. State Water Board staff will provide notification through Lyris email, the State Water Board UST Program’s webpage and the monthly UST Program Update when the revised ICC UST exams begin to be offered. In addition, the exam references located on the State Water Board UST Program’s California UST System Exam References webpage will be updated with the latest ICC UST exam reference materials at that time.

For more information regarding the revised California specific ICC UST exams, please contact Mr. Cory Hootman at (916) 341-5668 or by email at Cory.Hootman@waterboards.ca.gov.

**Underground Storage Tank Program Evaluation Checklist**

On December 6, 2017, State Water Board sent out an email via Listserv with the UPA Evaluation Checklist for use as a guidance document in preparation for a performance
evaluation. The Checklist was also provided in monthly updates, most recently in August 2018. The checklist is also a useful tool when performing a self-audit for implementation of the Unified Program. This is a reminder that the Evaluation Checklist can be used internally by UPAs. The UST Program Evaluation Checklist is on our website at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/adm_notices/cupa_evaluation_checklist_cover.pdf

Please note, the evaluation checklist is considered a “living” document and will be amended as Deficiency Library, statute, regulation, local guidance letters, and State Water Board correspondence are revised.

For more information regarding the checklist, please contact Ms. Lisa Jensen at (916) 319-0742 or by email at Lisa.Jensen@waterboards.ca.gov.

DTSC

Public Workshop on Administrative Penalties Regulations to Evaluate Possible Revisions (SoCal)
To All Interested Community Members and Stakeholders:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control will hold a public workshop on August 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: August 7, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (PDT)
Location: DTSC Chatsworth Regional Office
Room 146, 9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311

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 August 4, 2019.

A similar public workshop will be conducted in Berkeley, California, in September 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](#).

References or links to information cited in this newsletter are subject to change. CalEPA is interested in your comments and suggestions regarding the Unified Program monthly newsletter. Please email your comments and suggestions to: [cupa@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:cupa@calepa.ca.gov).

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