



UST Program Update January 2022

UST Facility Compliance Inspection Reporting Deadline

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) sent a [letter to the Unified Program Agencies¹](#) (UPAs) regarding the annual underground storage tank (UST) facility compliance inspection reporting requirements. California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16 (UST Regulations), section 2713(d) requires the UPAs to report to the State Water Board **no later than January 31st** each year, the number of UST facilities where a compliance inspection was not performed over the previous calendar year.

To assist UPAs in verifying the accuracy of UST facility compliance inspections, the State Water Board and the California Environmental Protection Agency created the [UST Routine Inspection Frequency²](#) search tool. UPAs should utilize this tool early to identify those facilities where a compliance inspection has not been performed during the 2021 calendar year, or to ensure the correct data has been properly uploaded to California Environmental Reporting System (CERS). This report will assist UPAs in identifying missing inspections and/or inaccurate data. State Water Board staff strongly suggest UPAs run the CERS *UST Routine Inspection Frequency* search now. As a reminder, virtual or desk audit UST compliance inspections without an on-site element do not satisfy the UST compliance inspection provision of the Energy Policy Act.

For more information regarding compliance inspections reporting requirements, contact: Mr. Tom Henderson at (916) 319-9128 or Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov, or Mr. Johnny Wales at (804) 852-7274 or Johnny.Wales@waterboards.ca.gov.

¹ <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/docs/compliance-inspection-reporting-and-enclosures.pdf>

² <https://cersregulator2.calepa.ca.gov/Reports/USTRoutineInspectionFrequencySearchHomePage>

Site Plan Template Available

The State Water Board has provided an accessible site plan template for owners and operators to utilize for the required CERS upload. While owners and operators are not required to use this specific form to upload facility site plans to CERS, the State Water Board has created it as a courtesy. Microsoft Word and Adobe PDF version of the documents are available on the [Underground Storage Tank Forms webpage³](#) under the titles “Site Plan for CERS Upload”.

For additional information regarding the site plan template, contact:

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Report 6 Deadlines

State Water Board will soon distribute the Report 6 forms and instructions for the July 1 through December 31, 2021 reporting period. The completed Report 6 documents are due to the State Water Board no later than March 1, 2021. Consistent with the last several reporting periods, UPAs will continue to report field constructed tanks, facilities with USTs that have received a red tag, and facilities that have abandoned or temporarily closed USTs.

For additional information regarding Report 6 requirements, contact;

Mr. Steven Mullery at (916) 341-5850 or Steven.Mullery@waterboards.ca.gov or
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Final UST Closure Commitment Plan Webinars

As a reminder, the State Water Board will be hosting one last remote webinar on the single-walled UST Closure Commitment Plan that was issued to owners and operators of single-walled UST systems on October 27, 2021. These plans were issued to call attention to potential obstacles and bottlenecks that owners and operators new to removing UST systems may not be aware. Reviewing the contents of the plans is encouraged to avoid scheduling conflicts and supply chain issues as the December 31, 2025 deadline for removing single-walled systems approaches. The workshop will be held on Microsoft Teams. This will be the same information that was presented during the December webinar. The final webinar will be held on:

³<https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/publications/forms.html>

- **January 13, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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