



# UST Program Update July 2023

## Additions to Local Guidance Letter 113

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff have updated [Local Guidance Letter 113](#)<sup>1</sup> (LG-113) to reflect recent release detection certifications by an independent third-party testing laboratory as meeting the release detection requirements equivalent to the Standard Test Procedures for Evaluating Release Detection Methods: Volumetric and Non-Volumetric Tank Tightness Testing. PMP Corporation's liquid level sensors were tested in conjunction with Veeder-Root's TLS-350 monitoring panel and have been posted to LG-113. Unified Program Agencies (UPAs) should anticipate the use of this release detection equipment and ensure service technicians have received training on these products from the manufacturer.

For more information regarding additions to LG-113, contact:

Austin Lemire-Baeten at (916) 327-5612 or [Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov).

## Report 6 Due September 1, 2023

The State Water Board recently distributed the Report 6 forms and instructions to all UPAs for the reporting period of January 1 through June 30, 2023. UPAs must submit Report 6 to staff no later than September 1, 2023.

For more information regarding Report 6 requirements please contact:

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## Chapter 16 Rewrite Informational Webinar

State Water Board staff have completed the draft of the proposed California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16 (UST Regulations). The proposed

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/leak\\_prevention/lg113/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/leak_prevention/lg113/)

rulemaking will be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law in November 2024. The State Water Board will continue vetting the proposed changes by hosting a series of informational webinars in September 2023. These webinars will address the proposed UST construction, monitoring, and testing articles only. A second series of webinars will be hosted later in the year for the UST cleanup articles. Exact dates and times will be announced in early August.

For more information regarding chapter 16 rewrite informational webinars, contact: Austin Lemire-Baeten at (916) 327-5612 or [Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov).

## **Certification, Testing, and Inspection Due Dates**

UST Regulations, section 2620(e) requires any testing or inspection be completed during the calendar month the testing or inspection is due. This requirement does not mean the testing or inspection must be completed on the same day as the previous year's testing or inspection date. For example, if a component had an annual test performed on June 1, 2023, the next test is due on or before June 30, 2024. This allows for scheduling flexibility between UST owners, UPA inspectors, and service technicians.

If testing is performed before the month due, subsequent testing due dates shift to this earlier month. Testing performed late is a violation and does not change the future testing due date.

For more information regarding certification, testing, and inspection due dates, contact: Austin Lemire-Baeten at (916) 327-5612 or [Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov).

## **Test Report Forms**

Test report forms must not be altered or modified by UST testing companies as they are part of UST Regulations. UPAs receiving modified test report forms must require the owner or operator to resubmit using the unaltered test report forms located in the appendices of UST Regulations. Owners or operators that fail to provide the correct test report forms within the timeframes specified in UST Regulations may be subject to enforcement.

For more information regarding test report forms, contact: Jenna Hartman at (916) 327-8563 or [Jenna.Hartman@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jenna.Hartman@waterboards.ca.gov).