



# UST Program Update September 2023

## UST Regulations Rewrite Webinars

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will be hosting preliminary informational webinars covering the draft changes to California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16 (UST Regulations) prior to submitting the rulemaking in the fall of 2024. The draft UST Regulations rewrite is expected to become effective on January 1, 2026 and coincide with the single-walled closure deadline required by Health and Safety Code, division 20, chapter 6.7, section 25292.05. This series of webinars will address the draft changes to definitions, certification and licensing, construction, monitoring, and testing standards. Changes to UST cleanup and closure requirements will be addressed in separate presentations that will be announced at a later date.

Three webinars will be available on Zoom at the dates and times below and are open to the first 300 participants that log in. The webinars will be recorded and made publicly available on the Leak Prevention Unit webpage in both Spanish and Hindi. There is no reason to attend more than one webinar as each will cover the same material.

- **September 14, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **September 19, 2023, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **September 27, 2023, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**  
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

The webinars will be recorded and made publicly available on the [Leak Prevention Unit webpage](#)<sup>1</sup>. Questions will be addressed at the end of the webinar and will not be recorded.

For more information regarding the UST Regulations Rewrite Webinars contact: Austin Lemire-Baeten at (916) 327-5612 or [Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov).

## **Technical Details of Single-walled Systems (2023 CUPA Conference Presentation)**

During the 2023 Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Conference, State Water Board staff presented technical information pertaining to single-walled USTs. This presentation was recorded, and is linked to the Leak Prevention Unit's [Single-Walled UST Webpage](#)<sup>2</sup> under the heading *The Technical Details of Single-Walled Systems (2023 CUPA Conference Presentation)*. Topics covered include monitoring, testing, and repair requirements for single-walled USTs, as well as the requirement to permanently close these systems prior to the December 31, 2025 single-walled UST closure deadline.

For more information regarding technical details of single-walled systems, contact: Austin Lemire-Baeten at (916) 327-5612 or [Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov).

## **Veeder-Root TLS-450PLUS California Air Resources Board Approval**

The In-Station Diagnostics (ISD) component of Veeder-Root's TLS-450PLUS monitoring panel has been approved by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) for facilities that must meet ISD requirements. While the TLS-450PLUS is currently in use at facilities that are not subject to ISD requirements, the recent approval from CARB will extend the monitoring panel's applicability throughout the rest of the State. CARB will be providing the TLS-450PLUS executive orders on their website in the near future.

For more information regarding Veeder-Root TLS-450PLUS CARB approval, contact: CARB at (800) 242-4450 or <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/contact-us>.

## **Single-walled Piping Repair Letter**

On [August 14, 2023](#)<sup>3</sup>, State Water Board staff distributed a notification to CUPA managers and licensed tank testers outlining the requirements for repairing single-walled product piping. Since October 1, 2018, any single-walled product piping in need of repair or replacement must be upgraded with secondary containment and

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

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/single\\_walled.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/single_walled.html)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/tech\\_notices/sw-piping-upgrade-repair-letter.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/tech_notices/sw-piping-upgrade-repair-letter.pdf)

continuous monitoring. Single-walled product piping that has been repaired on or after October 1, 2018 without upgrading with secondary containment and continuous monitoring must be immediately upgraded or permanently closed.

If single-walled product piping fails during routine testing, licensed tank testers may not re-test the pipe until it has been upgraded to meet the secondary containment and monitoring requirements specified in article 3 of the UST Regulations. Tank testers who willfully or negligently violate, cause, or allow for violations of the provisions in UST Regulations or chapter 17 of California Code of Regulations title 23, division 3 may be civilly liable and subject to notices of warning, letters of caution, fines, or license denial, suspension, or revocation.

CUPAs must review single-walled product piping test results for failures and take measures to ensure failed piping is removed from operation. Plans for permanent closure do not exempt the owner or operator from any upgrade requirements.

For more information regarding single-walled piping repair, contact:  
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