



UST Program Update February 2016

Updated Forms Available in Unidocs

Two underground storage tank (UST) updates were made to the Unidocs website at www.unidocs.org. The updated forms are the “Designated Underground Storage Tank Operator Notification Form” and the “Written Agreement Between Underground Storage Tank Permit Holder and Underground Storage Tank Operator.” Just a reminder that even though these forms are helpful for UST owners and operators, and useful in creating consistency, it is not a regulatory requirement for these forms to be used when transmitting information.

Please contact Gabriel Herrera at gabriel.herrera@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 319-9128 if you have any questions.

December 2015 Quarterly UST Status Report

The December 2015 Quarterly UST Status Report was submitted to the U.S. EPA in January and posted to our website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/updates/index.shtml. The report outlines the status, by certified unified program agency (CUPA), of the effort to enter UST related business and compliance, monitoring, and enforcement (CME) data into the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS). The report shows continued progress by many CUPAs. A new goal (goal 4) was added to the report to provide an indication of the quality of the reported data. Goal 4 is determined by a recent evaluation of the CUPA by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). The report shows 19 CUPAs now meet all three of the EPA goals, up from 8 in the previous quarter. Six of those additionally meet the new goal 4.

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July – December Reporting Period Report 6 due March 1

The State Water Board has sent out the Report 6 form and instructions for the July – December 2015 reporting period. All CUPAs must submit Report 6 data to the State Water Board in a timely manner, but no later than March 1, 2016. Except for a small handful of CUPAs that have been approved for paperless reporting, all CUPAs must still submit the “paper” Report 6. Those CUPAs that have been approved for paperless reporting must still run reports in CERS to verify their data and submit a certification form to the State Water Board by the March 1 deadline. To request paperless reporting for the next reporting period, see the “Underground Storage Tank Report 6 Paperless Reporting Requirements” document found at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/soc_paperless111615.pdf.

Please contact Gabriel Herrera at gabriel.herrera@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 319-9128 if you have any questions about semi-annual UST reporting, the Report 6 form, or paperless reporting.

Office of Tank Tester Licensing Request for Interior Tank Lining Companies to Submit Notification of UST Lining Activities

As previously advised in the January State Water Board Monthly update, many CUPAs have expressed significant concern regarding compatibility issues associated with aging UST infrastructure. Particularly, it has been expressed that tank lining is occurring to repair or address these compatibility issues without understanding the root cause. As a result of the significant number of tank lining events going on throughout the state and not having a clear understanding as to why the increased lining events are occurring, **the State Water Board Office of Tank Tester Licensing is requesting that tank lining companies notify the State Water Board 7 days prior to commencing any tank lining activities.** This request is issued in the State Water Board letter below.

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/interior_tank_lining_notification_letter&form.pdf