



# UST Program Update November 2016

## Updated CERS FAQs Posted

The existing California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) frequently asked question (FAQ) “Which UST Forms Must Be Uploaded” has been revised to reflect the acceptable methods for submitting required information to the Unified Program Agencies (UPAs). As a reminder, if CERS does not have discreet data fields or a specifically named document location for the required information then the submittals may be made by hand delivery, mail, facsimile or other electronic method unless otherwise directed by the agency that will receive the submittal. The submittal may also be made, but not required, through CERS using the Miscellaneous State Required Documents PDF document location.

The link to the FAQs can be found on the CERS website at <https://cersregulator.calepa.ca.gov/Help> and the State Water Board’s website at <http://waterboards.ca.gov/ust/cers/faqs.shtml>.

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## Amended UST Regulations Requiring Electronic Reporting Effective January 1, 2017

The proposed electronic reporting amendments to the underground storage tank (UST) regulations have completed the rulemaking process and become effective January 1, 2017. The purpose of the amended regulation is to clarify or make specific existing reporting requirements under the UST program by stating the method by which UST owners or operators and UPAs must submit specified information and documents to the State Water Board, Regional Water Boards, or the applicable UPA. The proposed amendments address electronic reporting requirements and define which documents and information must be submitted electronically. In several cases, the regulations have been changed to omit the reference of an obsolete paper form in favor of its electronic counterpart in CERS. These provisions do not include any new reporting requirements.

The State Water Board will issue more resources for the next few months to highlight the changes to the regulations that have occurred. In the meantime, an underline and strikeout copy of the amended sections of the UST regulation and other useful resources related to the rulemaking process are available on the webpage below.

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/adm\\_notices/elect\\_rpt\\_regs/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/elect_rpt_regs/)

A direct link to the amended text is here:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/adm\\_notices/elect\\_rpt\\_regs/docs/elect\\_rpt\\_adopted\\_and\\_filed\\_regs\\_10122016\\_us.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/elect_rpt_regs/docs/elect_rpt_adopted_and_filed_regs_10122016_us.pdf)

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## **Proposed Title 23 UST Regulations for Meeting Federal UST Requirement**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) issued revised federal UST regulations on July 15, 2015. The compliance deadlines for the new requirements in the federal UST regulations range from October 13, 2015 to October 13, 2018. UPAs require the authority to inspect for and enforce the new federal UST regulations, therefore State Water Board staff, in conjunction with the U.S.EPA, are updating the California Code of Regulations to include the new requirements in the federal UST regulations. Staff is currently reviewing and drafting language to meet the new federal UST regulations that are more stringent than California requirements. The informal drafted text will be shared sometime after the first of the year to the UST Steering Committee for discussion.

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## **Underground Storage Tank Program Element of CalEPAs Unified Program Evaluation**

State Water Board staff presented a webinar for UPAs on the UST element of the Unified Program Evaluation in August and September. The webinar was developed with the CUPAs and PAs in mind to address how they can prepare for an upcoming evaluation and how to mine data in CERS. The presentation is now available on our website at [http://waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/docs/wb\\_ust\\_remote\\_eval.pdf](http://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/docs/wb_ust_remote_eval.pdf).

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