



# UST Program Update June 2017

## **The Government Owned Tanks Initiative**

The State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board's) Office of Enforcement conducts the Government Owned and/or Operated Tanks (GOT) Initiative in collaboration with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The purpose of the GOT Initiative is to gain compliance with state and federal laws and regulations at underground storage tank (UST) facilities owned and/or operated by government agencies. GOT personnel perform file reviews and site inspections, and will take enforcement actions when appropriate. The GOT Initiative commenced January 2010, and since then, 473 facilities have been inspected in 60 Unified Program Agency (UPA) jurisdictions. To date, 99 percent of facilities with violations either were brought back into compliance or are in the process of coming back into compliance within the specified compliance deadline.

Where possible, facility files are obtained for the previous 5 years by electronic retrieval from the California Environmental Reporting System and electronic file submittals from the UPA. Once GOT files are reviewed, specific facilities are selected for State Water Board inspection. GOT facilities recommended by the UPA are given priority for inspection. The UPA is copied on all communications between the State Water Board and the facility owner and/or operator and the UPAs are encouraged to attend the State Water Board inspections. GOT activities are an initiative that was derived from the Energy Policy Act of 2005, not part of the Certified Unified Program Agency evaluation process.

Information about the State Water Board's Office of Enforcement UST Enforcement Unit, including correspondence between the State Water Board and GOT facilities inspected, can be found at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/enforcement/tanks.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/tanks.shtml)

If you have questions about the GOT Initiative, please contact the UST Enforcement Unit Supervisor, Amantha Henkel at [amantha.henkel@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:amantha.henkel@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 341-5551.

## **Petroleum Equipment Institute, UST Installation Guide**

The Petroleum Equipment Institute (PEI) has released the *RP100: Recommended Practices for Installation of Underground Liquid Storage Systems (2017 edition)*. This edition updates installation methods and procedures which meet the new federal UST regulations. PEI is an industry leader in establishing construction, maintenance, testing and engineering practices for UST systems. The Table of Contents for RP100 can be found here:

[https://www.pei.org/sites/default/files/PDF/final\\_rp100\\_2017\\_041217\\_toc.pdf](https://www.pei.org/sites/default/files/PDF/final_rp100_2017_041217_toc.pdf)

## **UST Monthly Update Subject Index**

The State Water Board has created a searchable index containing subjects discussed in previous UST Program Updates. The index provides links to the associated UST Monthly Update and the staff contact person. The index can be found on our web page at:

[http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/cupa/updates/docs/Subject Index.xlsx](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/cupa/updates/docs/Subject%20Index.xlsx)

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