



UST Program Update December 2016

When to Review Underground Storage Tank (UST) Records

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has updated the letter When to Review Underground Storage Tank Records to advise Unified Program Agencies (UPAs) when to review UST records submitted via the California Environmental Reporting System or other means. These revisions are intended to address concerns regarding UPA staffing limitations while still protecting public health, safety, and the environment and ensuring that the needs of the regulated community are met. All facility information is required to be reviewed during the annual inspection (Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.7, § 25288 (a)). This makes the deadline for reviewing UST records the same as the annual inspection date, and under no circumstances longer than one year. State Water Board expects; UST testing and maintenance records to be reviewed as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the submittal date, and all other records be reviewed for completeness and accuracy, though not necessarily field verified, as soon as possible, but no later than 60 days after the submittal date.

The letter can be found on our website at

http://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/rvw_ust_records.pdf. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Ms. Lisa Jensen at (916) 319-0742 or lisa.jensen@waterboards.ca.gov.

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.

The State Water Board will issue more resources later in December 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 at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/elect_rpt_regs/.

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