



# UST Program Update December 2018

## Underground Storage Tank Leak Prevention January – June 2018 Semiannual Report

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in collaboration with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) prepared the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Leak Prevention January – June 2018 Semiannual Report with data collected from the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) and the California GeoTracker database. This report summarizes important subjects such as CERS implementation status, release reporting, and single-walled UST data. Data are presented for each Unified Program Agency (UPA) and the State as a whole.

Important findings include:

- No new releases were discovered or reported from currently operating and permitted USTs, however 33 historical releases were reported. Historical releases include releases discovered that occurred in the past, and historical releases that had not been previously reported.
- 29 UPAs are now approved for paperless reporting of Report 6,
- 99.1% of UST facilities are now in CERS, but 10.5% of facilities lack basic tank information such as the number of USTs,
- 3,009 single-walled USTs are still in operation at 1,216 facilities, and
- UST violation, return to compliance, and enforcement data show a consistent trend between 2017 and 2018.

The UST Leak Prevention January - June 2018 Semiannual Report can be found on the UST Program website at: <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/>

For more information regarding The UST Leak Prevention January – June 2018 Semiannual Report, please contact Ms. Laura Fisher at (916) 341-5870 or [Laura.Fisher@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Laura.Fisher@waterboards.ca.gov).

## ICC California UST Inspector Renewal Updates

The State Water Board, in collaboration with UPA representatives from each of the four regions, is updating the International Code Council (ICC) California UST Inspector Certification renewal guidelines

for continuing education contact hours and supplemental forms for the renewal. This revision is the first since 2007 for the guidelines and will incorporate revisions to update language and reference current regulatory requirements. UPA representatives are providing significant support during this process and their time is appreciated.

For more information about the ICC continuing education renewal updates, please contact Ms. Lisa Jensen at (916) 319-0742 or [Lisa.Jensen@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Lisa.Jensen@waterboards.ca.gov).

## **Energy Policy Act Certification**

Every February the State Water Board is required to certify compliance with the UST provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAAct). At the direction of U.S. EPA, CERS will be utilized to verify each UPA has complied with the federal three-year UST inspection frequency.

To verify compliance with the federal three-year UST inspection frequency, each UPA will need to run a CERS UST Inspection Report to identify any missing inspections or inaccurate data. State Water Board staff will run a CERS UST Inspection Report in January 2019, therefore, UPAs should run their report now and in mid-December and complete any missing UST compliance inspections or correct any inaccurate data.

Information on how to run a CERS UST Inspection Report can be found on the UST Program website at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/adm\\_notices/cers\\_ust\\_inspection\\_reports.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/adm_notices/cers_ust_inspection_reports.pdf)

For more information about the EPAAct, please contact Ms. Jessica Botsford at (916) 341-7338 or [Jessica.Botsford@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jessica.Botsford@waterboards.ca.gov).

## **Informational Documents on the New Title 23 UST Requirements**

State Water Board staff have developed and continue to develop informational documents to assist UST owners, operators, contactors, designated operators, service technicians, and regulators understand the new UST requirements that became effective October 1, 2018. The informational documents are presented in a question and answer format that can be easily updated as new questions arise. It's important to note the content contained in the informational documents in many instances supersedes previous State Water Board guidance documents. At the end of each informational document is a table identifying which State Water Board documents contain superseded content. Informational documents regarding the emergency generator tank system line leak detection, overfill prevention equipment inspection, spill container testing, and secondary containment testing requirements have been distributed through the UST Program's Email Distribution System (known as Lyris) and are posted on the UST Program website under "Staying Connected" at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/adm\\_notices/fed\\_rec\\_regs/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/fed_rec_regs/).

To receive these informational documents and other important UST Program information please subscribe to the UST Program's Lyris email distribution at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/ust\\_subscribe.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/ust_subscribe.html).

For more information regarding the new Title 23 UST requirements, please contact Mr. Cory Hootman at (916) 341-5668 or [Cory.Hootman@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Cory.Hootman@waterboards.ca.gov) or Mr. Tom Henderson at (916) 319-9128 or [Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov).

## **Informative Webinars on UST Regulations and Report 6**

State Water Board staff have completed the second series of webinars designed to assist various stakeholders with the changes to the California UST regulations. The webinars began after the regulations became effective on October 1, 2018. Seven webinars were presented for the regulated community and an additional seven for the UPAs. The number of webinar participants is estimated to be 2,000 individuals.

The information provided was intended to assist the UST community in complying with the regulations for testing, inspection, compatibility, upgrades and designated operator requirements. The webinar presentations can be found on the UST Program Website at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/adm\\_notices/fed\\_rec\\_regs/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/adm_notices/fed_rec_regs/)

Additionally, State Water Board staff presented six webinars on the revised Report 6 requirements which reflect the changes to California UST regulations and new U.S. EPA performance measures. The Report 6 webinar presentation can be found on the UST Program Website at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak\\_prevention/docs/perf\\_meas\\_webinar\\_notification.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/docs/perf_meas_webinar_notification.pdf)

For more information regarding the webinars, please contact Mr. Cory Hootman at (916) 341-5668 or [Cory.Hootman@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Cory.Hootman@waterboards.ca.gov) or Mr. Tom Henderson at (916) 319-9128 or [Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov).

## **Office of Tank Tester Licensing – List of Licensed Tank Testers**

The Office of Tank Tester Licensing updates the list of licensed tank and pipe integrity testers monthly, and can be found on the UST Program Website at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/leak\\_prevention/lgs/105\\_12.shtml](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/leak_prevention/lgs/105_12.shtml)

For more information regarding licensed tank and pipe integrity testers, please contact Mr. Sean Farrow at (916) 324-7493 or [Sean.Farrow@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Sean.Farrow@waterboards.ca.gov).