



UST Program Update March 2022

Farewell

As most of you know, after managing the Underground Storage Tank Leak Prevention Unit for more than a decade, Laura Fisher has accepted a new position and will continue to honorably serve Californians as the Assistant Director of the Office of Research, Planning and Performance. We can safely say that the waters of the state are substantially better because of her tireless efforts. Laura has been an icon in the underground storage tank universe, and she will be greatly missed.

Underground Storage Tank Leak Prevention Semi-Annual Report

On February 16, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) provided underground storage tank (UST) stakeholders with the [California Underground Storage Tank Leak Prevention January-June 2021 Semi-Annual Report](#)¹.

The report was developed in collaboration between the United State Environmental Protection Agency and State Water Board. The California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) and the California GeoTracker databases were used to obtain report information. This report summarizes important information such as CERS implementation status, unauthorized release reporting, and single-walled UST system data. Data is provided at both the Unified Program Agency (UPA) and State-wide levels.

Some noteworthy information includes: there were zero new unauthorized releases discovered during this timeframe; 71 percent of UPAs are approved for paperless reporting; and single-walled UST removal continues to be below the target rate to have all single-walled systems removed by December 31, 2025.

¹ https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/docs/final_ust_leak_prevention_jan-jun2021.pdf

For more information regarding the UST Leak Prevention Semi-Annual Report, contact: Mr. Tom Henderson at (916) 319-9128 or Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov, or Mr. Austin Lemire-Baeten at (916) 327-5612 or Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov.

In-Station Diagnostics Software Update

On January 21, 2022, State Water Board staff [issued a letter to all UST stakeholders²](#) regarding expired data in Veeder Root's TLS-350s that use In-Station Diagnostics (ISD). The expired data element causes fuel position collection failures that lead to a full system shutdown. A software update is available from Veeder Root to correct this condition.

Any monitoring panel software updates must be installed by a service technician with current training from Veeder Root and certification from the International Code Council. Installing the software update requires a system cold start and therefore certification of the monitoring system before the UST can be made operational. Owners and operators receiving the update must contact their UPA for any required permitting, certifications, and additional directions. Failure to do so may result in enforcement action by the UPA or State Water Board.

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New UST Leak Prevention Staff

The UST Leak Prevention Unit is pleased to announce the hire of an Environmental Scientist, Jenna Hartman. Jenna previously worked as a Scientific Aid for the State Water Board UST Leak Prevention Unit and for Redhorse Corporation as a contractor for the State Water Board, Office of Enforcement, UST Unit. She recently worked as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist for Placer County Environmental Health where she conducted field inspections on hazardous material, hazardous waste, aboveground storage tank, and underground storage tank sites and was a member of the incident response team. Jenna can be reached at Jenna.Hartman@waterboards.ca.gov.

² https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/docs/2022/2022-01-21-isd-letter.pdf