



UST Program Update April 2017

Informational Workshops on Revising California Underground Storage Tank Regulations to Comply with New Federal Underground Storage Tank Regulations

The United States Environmental Protection Agency issued revised Federal underground storage tank (UST) regulations on July 15, 2015. State Water Resources Control Board State (State Water Board) staff have drafted revised language in chapter 16 of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations to reflect current requirements imposed by 40 Code of Federal Regulations, part 280. Two informational workshops were held to share and discuss the initial draft language, as well as to receive feedback from stakeholders before pursuing the formal rulemaking process. The first informational workshop was held in Sacramento on March 13, 2017 and the second in Los Angeles on March 28, 2017. The PowerPoint presentation from these informational workshops can be found at:

http://waterboards.ca.gov/ust/tech_notices/docs/fed_regs_ws_pres.pdf

Unified Program State Surcharge – Proposed Increase

The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) is proposing to increase the Unified Program state surcharge, which includes an increase to the UST surcharge. The Unified Program state surcharge is an assessment on each entity regulated under the Unified Program and is used to fund necessary and reasonable costs of state agencies responsible for program implementation, ongoing maintenance and oversight of the Unified Program. The Unified Program state surcharge is authorized by the California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Chapter 6.11, section 25404.5(b), and the California Code of Regulations, Title 27, Division 1, Subdivision 4, Chapter 1, Section 15240.

Proposed changes to the Unified Program state surcharge are publically noticed in the California Regulatory Notice Register published by the Office of Administrative Law at:

https://www.oal.ca.gov/files/2017/03/12z-2017_new.pdf

For more information, please contact Ms. Melinda Blum with CalEPA at melinda.blum@calepa.ca.gov or (916) 322-5615.

CERS Information Live on Geotracker

The link between Geotracker and CERS is now live. The Geotracker public portal will depict permitted UST facility address and the permitting agency. The Geotracker regulator portal will show additional information including CERS I.D. number, number of existing USTs and the most recent UST inspection date. The information in GeoTracker will be updated on a weekly basis. The Geotracker web page is located at <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>.

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Request for Interior Tank Lining Companies to Submit Notification of UST Lining Activities

Following up with advisories originally presented in 2016, tank lining has been occurring to repair or address compatibility issues without understanding the root cause. As a result of the significant number of tank lining events going on throughout the state and not having a clear understanding as to why the increased lining events are occurring, the State Water Board Office of Tank Tester Licensing is requesting that tank lining companies notify the State Water Board seven (7) days prior to commencing any tank lining activities. This request is issued in the State Water Board letter and can be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/interior_tank_lining_notification_letter&form.pdf

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