



# UST Program Update August 2016

## **United States Environmental Protection Agency's Report on Corrosion Risks in USTs**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) released a report on July 20, 2016 identifying corrosion risks in underground storage tanks (USTs) storing diesel and gasoline-ethanol blends. The report is based on a research project conducted by the US EPA and finds 83 percent of the 42 USTs studied exhibited moderate or severe corrosion of metal components inside the tank systems. Corrosion in tanks and other system components can cause equipment failure by preventing functionality of release detection and release prevention measures.

The risk of corrosion is important for owners/operators to be aware of because corrosion can affect the functionality of UST equipment, which violates federal requirements. US EPA recommends UST owners/operators of systems storing diesel and gasoline-ethanol blended fuels check for corrosion in systems with steel and fiberglass tanks. If owners/operators believe they have corrosion of their tank or other equipment they should call their UST service technician for further evaluation.

The US EPA report and Notice of Corrosion Risk can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/ust/alternative-fuels-and-underground-storage-tanks-usts>. Questions and answers about corrosion in diesel USTs can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/ust/questions-and-answers-about-corrosion-underground-tanks-storing-diesel-fuel>.

## **Informational Workshop on Permanent Closure of Single-Walled USTs September 19 in Cupertino**

The State Water Board will be holding an informational workshop to discuss the permanent closure of single-walled USTs in Cupertino on September 19, 2016. UST Leak Prevention Program staff will discuss in detail the design and construction requirements, as well as the closure requirements, imposed by Senate Bill 445 (Stats. 2014, Ch. 547). Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks (RUST) Program staff will discuss loan and grant funding opportunities available to assist eligible small business owners/operators to meet the single-walled UST removal requirement. Lastly, UST Cleanup Fund staff will present information regarding cleanup funds available to assist eligible owners/operators with cleaning up petroleum-related contamination from the UST.

The workshop is from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2016 at the City of Cupertino Community Hall, 10350 Torre Avenue, Cupertino CA, 95014.

For more information see our informational page located at:

[http://waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/single\\_walled/docs/single\\_walled\\_closure\\_worksh\\_op\\_sept\\_2016.pdf](http://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/single_walled/docs/single_walled_closure_worksh_op_sept_2016.pdf) or contact Jessica Botsford at [Jessica.botsford@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jessica.botsford@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 341-7338.

## **Webinar Workshop on Permanent Closure of Single-Walled USTs September 26, 2016**

The State Water Board will be hosting the Informational Workshop on Permanent Closure of Single-Walled USTs through a webinar. UST Leak Prevention Program staff will discuss in detail the design and construction requirements, as well as the closure requirements, imposed by Senate Bill 445 (Stats. 2014, Ch. 547). Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks (RUST) Program staff will discuss loan and grant funding opportunities available to assist eligible small business owners/operators to meet the single-walled UST removal requirement. Lastly, UST Cleanup Fund staff will present information regarding cleanup funds available to assist eligible owners/operators with cleaning up petroleum-related contamination from the UST.

The webinar workshop is from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2016. To join the webinar portion of the meeting, click here:

<https://stateofcaswrcbweb.centurylinkccc.com/CenturylinkWeb/LauraFisher>

Enter your name and email address and click on Join Meeting.

After you have accessed the website, call in on your telephone.

Telephone: 1-720-279-0026, the

Participant pass code: 649984#

Video capacity is 125 connections, and call in capacity is 300 incoming telephone lines.

Attendees may pose written questions during the webinar. Questions will be collected during the webinar and responses provided approximately 7 days after the webinar has concluded. To ask a question, click on the Q&A icon located at the top of the page.

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[http://waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/single\\_walled/docs/single\\_walled\\_closure\\_webinar\\_sept\\_2016.pdf](http://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/single_walled/docs/single_walled_closure_webinar_sept_2016.pdf) or contact Jessica Botsford at [Jessica.botsford@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jessica.botsford@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 341-7338.

## **Informational Webinar Regarding Underground Storage Tank Element of the CUPA Evaluations**

The State Water Board UST Program will be hosting 90 minute informational webinars regarding the UST element of the CUPA evaluations. CUPA managers and appropriate staff are encouraged to attend one of the three (3) scheduled webinars. The content presented at each webinar will be the same.

The webinars will include a brief overview of the new CUPA evaluation process. Specific to the UST Program element, the webinars will include details on the information that will be requested by the State Water Board and required to be submitted by the CUPAs, how CERS will be used as part of the evaluation process, and how CUPAs can prepare for the evaluation. A CERS demonstration will be provided to assist CUPAs with how to rapidly identify UST facilities with inaccurate or incomplete information, UST facilities whose inspections are late, and assessing the consistency of reporting UST violations in CERS.

For information on how to access the webinar and for the dates of each webinar please refer to Lyris email distributed on July 25, 2016 or by contacting Jessica Botsford at [Jessica.botsford@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jessica.botsford@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 341-7338.