



UST Program Update December 2021

UST Closure Commitment Plan Webinars

As a reminder, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will be hosting two remote webinars on the single-walled *UST Closure Commitment Plan* that was issued to owners and operators of single-walled underground storage tank (UST) systems on October 27, 2021. These plans were issued to call attention to potential obstacles and bottlenecks that owners and operators new to removing UST systems may not be aware of. Reviewing the contents of the plans is encouraged to avoid scheduling conflicts and supply chain issues as the December 31, 2025 deadline for removing single-walled systems approaches.

The workshop will be held on Microsoft Teams. The dates and times are:

- **December 14, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to noon**
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
- **January 13, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

For additional information regarding UST Closure Commitment Plans, contact:
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UST Facility Compliance Inspection Requirements

State Water Board staff are reminding the Unified Program Agencies (UPAs) of facility compliance inspection requirements. As discussed in [previous Monthly Updates](#)¹, California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16 (UST Regulations), section 2713(d) requires the UPAs to report to the State Water Board the number of

¹ https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/cupa/updates/docs/november2021-ust.pdf

UST facilities that did not receive compliance inspections no later than January 31st each year. The State Water Board uses this information to report to the United States Environmental Protection Agency as part of the Energy Policy Act of 2015 (EPAAct). It's recommended that UPAs run the [UST Routine Inspection Frequency](#)² search tool now in the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) to identify which facilities have not had a compliance inspection in the 2021 calendar year and to ensure the correct data has been properly entered into CERS. Results from this report will assist UPAs in identifying facilities with missing inspections and/or inaccurate data.

As a reminder, virtual or desk audit UST compliance inspections that do not have an on-site element do not satisfy the UST compliance inspection requirements of the EPAAct.

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Requirements for Service Technicians

State Water Board staff have fielded questions pertaining to the requirements for service technicians conducting UST work. As required by UST Regulations, section 2715(f)(4), service technicians themselves do not need to hold certification from the International Code Council (ICC) provided they are working under the personal supervision of someone who does hold ICC certification and is present on site while the work is occurring. Individuals performing the work of a service technician must possess manufacturer's certification for each component that is serviced as outlined in UST Regulations, section 2715(f)(2). This requirement applies to any individual performing work on UST components. Further, manufacturer's refresher's training for each component must be completed at most every 36 months, unless the time interval required by the manufacturer is shorter (UST Regulations, section 2715(f)(3)). [Local Guidance letter 167-2](#)³ provides further information on the scopes of work for individuals servicing UST systems.

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² <https://cersregulator2.calepa.ca.gov/Reports/USTRoutineInspectionFrequencySearchHomePage>

³ https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/lgs/docs/lg-167-2.pdf