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Underground Storage Tank Owners and Operators
Other Interested Parties

REQUIRED ELECTRONIC DELIVERABLE FORMAT FOR LABORATORY AND SITE DATA SUBMITTALS TO REGULATING AGENCIES

Effective 1 January 2001, Assembly Bill 2886 added Sections 13195 - 13198 to the California Water Code requiring that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) develop emergency regulations for underground storage tanks (UST). These new regulations (California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Chapter 16, Article 12; Sections 2729 and 2729.1) specify that Underground Tank Owners and/or Operators (individually or collectively the Responsible Party) or their agent submit analytical data electronically via the Internet to the Regulating Agencies, using formats designated by the State Water Board that are both non-proprietary and available as public domain.

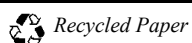
To meet these objectives the State Water Board designated the Electronic Deliverable Format (EDF) developed for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. EDF enables laboratories and consultants to produce data in a standardized format that can be transmitted electronically to the Responsible Party and Regulating Agencies. For more information about the EDF process you may log-on to the State Water Board Web site at <http://geotracker.swrcb.ca.gov> and then click on the information link to **AB 2886**.

All EDF data must be submitted over the Internet to the State Water Board Geographic Environmental Information Management System database (GeoTracker). Developed under the direction of State Water Board staff, GeoTracker is a robust database that allows for storage of interrelated site data including the above electronic data submittals. Regulating Agencies review the data submitted for final acceptance into GeoTracker.

Since 1 September 2001, analytical laboratories have been required to submit electronic data using EDF for their analyses of soil and/or groundwater samples. These submittals, in addition to the customary paper format, are for all UST sites (including both the preventive and investigative/cleanup components of the UST program).

After 1 January 2002, in addition to the laboratory data, site specific information is required to be submitted electronically for the following: **1)** the latitude and longitude of ground water monitoring wells (including any other well or permanent sampling point designated as part of the site monitoring program) accurate to within one meter; **2)** the surveyed elevation, relative to mean sea level, for any ground water sampled, accurate to within a tenth of a foot; **3)** groundwater information, including depth

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to water, free product presence/thickness and well status; and, **4)** a site map in electronic format showing property boundaries, buildings, and soil and water sampling locations.

PASSWORD: To initiate the EDF in GeoTracker, the Responsible Party is required to obtain a password by logging-on to the State Water Board Web site at <http://geotracker.swrcb.ca.gov> and then clicking on the information link to **AB 2886**. The password is used by the Responsible Party (or their agent) to upload the required analytical data into the GeoTracker database.

ASSISTANCE: If you, as a Responsible Party, require assistance to obtain or use a password (or to submit data and maps electronically), you may have an agent assist you (e.g. an environmental consultant, engineer, attorney, etc.), or call the GeoTracker help-desk (1-800-506-9118). Also, for detailed information regarding the regulatory requirements or to find a State Water Board staff contact, the Responsible Party (or designated agent) may log-on to the **AB 2886** information link on the GeoTracker Web site listed above.

For eligible sites, the California Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund will cover the additional costs incurred by claimants for compliance with these regulations, to the extent that these costs are reasonable and necessary (e.g.: as required by the Regulating Agencies to assure adequate investigation or cleanup of a contaminated site).

If you have any questions, please contact your County or Local Implementing Agency, Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) or Regional Board representative. For counties in the Central Valley Regional Board jurisdiction, please call the local office in Fresno at (559) 445-5116, Redding at (530) 224-4845, or Sacramento at (916) 255-3212.

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