



UST Program Update May 2018

Single-Walled Underground Storage Tank Closure Initiative Workshops

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), with assistance from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), has developed the Single-Walled Underground Storage Tank Closure Initiative (Initiative) to maximize the number of single-walled underground storage tanks (USTs) permanently closed prior to the December 31, 2025 deadline. The Initiative intends to educate UST owners/operators on funding opportunities through the Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks (RUST) Program and the UST Cleanup Fund.

Educational workshops were held in Alameda on March 26th, Alhambra on April 20th and Bakersfield on April 26th this year. These workshops included presentations by State Water Board staff from the UST Leak Prevention Unit on design, construction, and closure requirements; the RUST Program on loan/grant funding opportunities available to assist eligible small business owners/operators; and the Cleanup Fund on funding available to assist eligible owners/operators with cleaning up petroleum-related contamination.

The State Water Board is currently preparing a webinar to present the Initiative information to those who could not attend the workshops. The webinar link will be provided shortly. The webinar time is provided below. Registration is not required.

Date: Friday, May 11, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Webinar Speakers: Tom Henderson, Janice Clemons, and Bridget Freeborn

For questions regarding the Initiative or upcoming webinar, please contact Ms. Brittany Baugher at Brittany.Baugher@redhorsecorp.com or (619) 241 4609 ext. 857 or Ms. Grasiela Gama at Grasiela.Gama@redhorsecorp.com or (619) 241 4609 ext. 857 or Mr. Tom Henderson at Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 319 9128.

CERS Violation Library

The State Water Board has proposed changes to the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) violation library. These changes are the result of upcoming amendments to California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 16 (California UST Regulations). The proposed violation library has been preliminarily reviewed by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) violation library workgroup and the Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs). Currently, the proposed changes

are under review by the CUPA Forum Board. The State Water Board will be providing regular postings with each UST Monthly Update and will develop guidance for the CUPAs once the violation library has been finalized.

If you have any questions regarding changes to the violation library, please contact Mr. Tom Henderson at Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 319-9128.

Revised U.S. EPA Reporting Requirements

The State Water Board is working with the CalEPA to address enhancements to CERS and ensure data collection and reporting to U.S. EPA are successful. Changes to the significant operational compliance reporting (Report 6) are the result of upcoming amendments to the California UST Regulations required by the 2015 revisions to 40 Code of Federal Regulations, part 280.

As the California UST Regulations are finalized over the next months, the State Water Board will be developing guidance for the CUPAs regarding the new inspection and reporting criteria. Additionally, the State Water Board will be providing regular postings with each UST Monthly Update.

If you have any questions regarding changes to the performance reporting criteria, please contact Mr. Tom Henderson at Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 319-9128.

Proposed Underground Storage Tank Regulations

The 15-day public comment period for the modified proposed UST amendments ended on April 11, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. Non-substantial changes and changes solely grammatical in nature were made to the modified proposed UST amendments. All changes, including changes due to comments received, are identified and discussed in the Final Statement of Reasons. The next step is for the State Water Board to consider a resolution adopting the proposed amendments to the California UST Regulations to make them at least as stringent as the 40 Code of Federal Regulations, part 280.

The agenda for the Board Meeting to adopt the amendments will be provided shortly. Any person interested in receiving this agenda may subscribe to Board Meetings under GENERAL INTERESTS at the website below.

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html

The proposed rulemaking package is available at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/fed_rec_regs.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Cory Hootman at (916) 341-5668 or Cory.Hootman@waterboards.ca.gov.

Corrosion Observation Online Reporting Tool

The Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials' (ASTSWMO) Emerging Fuels Task Force created an online reporting tool for submitting information on UST system corrosion

observed during inspections and removals in the field. It is well known some new fuel formulations are associated with accelerated corrosion, clogged filters, and other side effects. ASTSWMO is attempting to understand the scope of this serious problem nationally.

ASTSWMO is requesting regulators, inspectors, contractors, and owners to use the online reporting tool to document incidences of corrosion. The goal is to assemble national data to identify trends and potential challenges before they require expensive corrective action. Information submitted may be shared on the ASTSWMO website and will be accessible to the public. The Corrosion Observation Online Reporting Tool can be found on the ASTSWMO web page:

<http://astswmo.org/astswmo-corrosion-observations-tool/>.