



State Water Resources Control Board

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**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK
CONTAINMENT MANUFACTURERS**

To: Underground Storage Tank Containment Manufacturers

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is sending this letter to all underground storage tank (UST) containment manufacturers to provide information about a new compatibility requirement. This change in regulatory requirement requires action on your part.

The State Water Board amended Title 23 California Code of Regulations section 2631(b) and adopted subsections (j) and (k) of section 2631 to allow UST owners/operators who operate fully double-walled UST systems an alternate mechanism to demonstrate compliance with the performance standards of compatibility. When a UST owner/operator intends to store a substance that is not included in the independent testing organization approval or listing, the owners/operator must submit to the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) an affirmative statement of compatibility from the manufacturer for the specific substance being stored, including the blend ratio.

UST containment for which affirmative statements of compatibility are necessary include: double-walled tanks, double-walled piping, connector fittings, flexible connectors, risers, under-dispenser containment, tank top sumps, transitions sumps, spill buckets, and any other containment components that come into or may come into contact with stored product.

In order for the UST owner/operator to comply with the alternate mechanism the manufacturer's affirmative statement of compatibility shall include at a minimum: the manufacturer(s) name, specific model or part number, containment type, current independent testing organization standard/approval, dates manufactured, size, and the specific substance and blend that is compatible.

For your convenience, I have attached fill-in tables which are intended to assist manufacturers in providing all the necessary information. Each table is based on the substance to be stored. At this time, UST owners/operators need affirmative statements of compatibility for concentrated and blends of biodiesel, ethanol, and

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renewable diesel. The State Water Board will share the completed tables with CUPAs and UST owners/operators, allowing for a one-stop-shop by CUPAs and UST owners/operators who are seeking this information. This one-stop-shop for documentation is intended to be a time saving mechanism by reducing the need for repetitive requests for duplicative information.

The alternative mechanism discussed above, which utilizes the affirmative statement of compatibility, becomes effective June 1, 2012. This is the same day that the biodiesel variance expires. In order for UST owners/operators who currently store biodiesel to seamlessly transition from the variance to this new alternative mechanism, the information requested is needed immediately.

Please submit completed tables to Cory Hootman at chootman@waterboards.ca.gov. Should you have questions regarding this letter please contact me at (916) 341- 5870 (lfisher@waterboards.ca.gov) or Cory Hootman at (916) 341-5668 (chootman@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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