



UST Program Update July 2014

Abandoned Underground Storage Tank (UST) Initiative

Information regarding the Abandoned UST Initiative has been consolidated and can now be accessed at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/abandoned_storage.shtml. The latest June 2014 Abandoned UST Progress Report, which was sent via Lyris on June 26, 2014, can be found on the webpage, as well as other documents regarding the Abandoned Tanks Initiative.

Report 6 due on September 1, 2014

June 30th marks the end of the first half of 2014; therefore it is time to complete the Report 6 for the January-June 2014 reporting period. State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff will send out notification emails containing the template Report 6 during the first week of July. The completed Report 6 is due by September 1, 2014. Because the Significant Operational Compliance (SOC) data in California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) has not yet been verified as accurate for any Unified Program Agency, except for Yuba County Environmental Health Department, it is still necessary to fill out the “paper” Report 6 as in previous years. For any assistance with filling out Report 6, contact Gabriel Herrera at 916-319-9128 or gabriel.herrera@waterboards.ca.gov.

Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) data due on July 30, 2014

CME data for fiscal year 2013-2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014) must be submitted electronically to CalEPA through CERS as soon as practical, but no later than July 30, 2014 [pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 27, section 15290(b) and (d)].

All CME data must include the complete detail record fields identified in the CERS Regulator Portal (<http://cers.calepa.ca.gov/>) and defined in the Unified Program Data Dictionary (www.calepa.ca.gov/LawsRegs/Regulations/T27/DataDict.pdf).

Starting fiscal year 2014-2015, CME data must be submitted electronically within 30 days of each completed quarter. Submittal deadlines are listed on the next page.

Fiscal Year Quarterly CME Action Occurs (including updates)	Deadline for Electronic Submittal of Quarterly CME Data
July 1 – September 30	October 30
October 1 – December 31	January 30
January 1 – March 31	April 30
April 1 – June 30	July 30

Beginning August 1, 2014, Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs) will be evaluated on quarterly CME electronic reporting requirements for inspection and enforcement activities occurring on or after July 1, 2013. For more information, please refer to Unified Program Guidance Letter 14-02 (<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/Bulletins/2014/Jan17.pdf>).

CERS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Links

The State Water Board UST Program website now has links to CERS Help FAQ documents (http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/cers/faqs.shtml). The FAQ documents are

1. How to Enter Red Tag Information in CERS;
2. How to Create a Valid UST Report 6 in CERS; and
3. Must a person possess a current inspector certification issued by the International Code Council (ICC) in order to review and accept submitted UST data elements in CERS?

BEI eSite Monitoring Panels

In 2011 it was brought to the State Water Board staff's attention that BEI eSite UST leak detection monitoring systems and equipment that are not connected (not participating in the eSite Monitoring and Software Maintenance Program) do not automatically receive necessary maintenance software updates that enable the system to remain in compliance with the performance standards set forth in CCR, title 23, section 2643(f). At that time State Water Board staff issued a letter indicating the options available to owners/operators of systems not monitored by the eSite to stay in compliance. It is the responsibilities of UST inspectors to have the owners/operators of UST systems not monitored by the eSite demonstrate that their monitoring system is in compliance.

The State Water Board UST Program letter issued on March 24, 2011 can be found at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/tech_notices/esite032411.pdf.

The eSite bulletin notifications can be found at <http://www.fastechus.com/esitebulletins>.

Caldwell Level Change Indicator

It has come to the State Water Board staff's attention that Caldwell Products has not been recertifying UST service technicians who use the Caldwell Level Change Indicator for secondary containment testing. Recertification is required at least every 36 months by CCR, title 23, section 2715(i)(3). Regulators should be aware of this situation and should check for a certification with an expiration date not later than 36 months from certification. Regulators may reject secondary containment testing results if the service technician has not received the appropriate recertification. Caldwell Products has been informed to provide recertification services.

More information about the Caldwell Level Change Indicator can be found at <http://www.caldwellsys.com/> and http://www.caldwellsys.com/Files/Sump_Tester14Oct04.pdf.

Office of Tank Tester Licensing (OTTL) Program

The April through June Quarterly Report was sent out through the UST Program electronic mailing list on June 30th. This report contains information regarding individuals whose tank tester's license has expired, been suspended, or individuals that have been placed on probation. If there are questions regarding the OTTL program, contact Sean Farrow at 916-324-7493 or at sean.farrow@waterboards.ca.gov.