



# UST Program Update May 2015

## **Settlement Reached with University of California**

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Office of Spill Prevention and Response have collaborated in reaching a \$449,000 settlement with the Regents of the University of California regarding the improper storage of hazardous substances in underground storage tanks (USTs) and natural resource damage violations.

On December 10, 2011, an underground storage tank that supplied a backup generator located at Stanley Hall on the University's campus in Berkeley spilled 1,650 gallons of diesel fuel. About 850 gallons of the spilled diesel entered a storm drain and was then discharged into Strawberry Creek – an urban stream that runs directly into the San Francisco Bay.

In 2013, the State Water Board reviewed the University's overall management of USTs and discovered numerous additional violations including: failure to monitor for leaks, failure to maintain adequate spill containment, failure to provide adequate corrosion protection, and other UST violations.

The press release and judgment can be found at the website below.

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/enforcement/orders\\_actions.shtml#a2015](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/orders_actions.shtml#a2015)

## **Rescinded Secondary Containment Testing Document**

The guidance document adopted by the CalCUPA Forum Southern California Region UST Technical Advisory Committee, "Standard for Secondary Containment Testing of Underground Storage Tank Systems", was developed in 2002 and was located on the CalCUPA website for reference. This guidance document describes policy that is not consistent with current statutes and regulations. Therefore, this guidance document has been formally rescinded and may no longer be used as a document for enforcement purposes.

Local guidance documents developed for secondary containment testing, or any equipment testing purposes, must follow manufacturer's specifications for testing or must follow industry standards, such as from the Petroleum Equipment Institute (PEI).

For questions regarding this update, contact Cory Hootman at [Cory.Hootman@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Cory.Hootman@waterboards.ca.gov) or (916) 341-5668.

## ICC Regional Office Address Change

The International Code Council (ICC) has moved its California office from Whittier to Brea, California. ICC's mailing address has been changed to the new address below.

International Code Council Certification Renewals 3060 Saturn St., Ste 100 Brea, CA 92821
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Several certification renewal forms that contain the old mailing address have been sent out and the ICC office is not forwarding mail to the new address. If you have recently received a renewal notification, please be sure to use the new mailing address listed above to avoid delays. The updated certification renewal form can be found at the website below.

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/forms/docs/icc\\_renew\\_app2015.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/forms/docs/icc_renew_app2015.pdf)

## March 2015 CERS UST Status Report

The State Water Board has recently published the latest quarterly status reports intended for tracking progress towards entering all UST related business and compliance, monitoring and enforcement (CME) data into the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS). The "March 2015 CERS UST Status Report" can be found at the website below.

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/adm\\_notices/qtrly\\_cersrpt\\_2015mar.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/qtrly_cersrpt_2015mar.pdf)

The report shows 93% of UST sites are now in CERS. Since the first report in May 2014, there has been an increase from 33% to 51% of UST facilities that now have an accepted UST submittal and an increase from 9% to 59% that now have CME data. The report includes a breakdown by Unified Program Agency (UPA). The next quarterly status report will be in June 2015.

## Invalid Continuing Education Credit using CERS Training

CERS training does not count towards continuing education for UST ICC Inspector recertification. The document "Implementation of Continuing Education Contact Hours for Renewal of California UST Inspector ICC Certification" specifies that the subject matter for continuing education should be pertinent to the scope of practice for a UST Inspector and shall include the following:

- UST statutes and regulations
- UST regulatory compliance inspection training
- UST leak detection methods and monitoring requirements
- Leak detection equipment testing procedures
- UST enforcement and case development techniques

- Operating and maintaining UST systems
- UST plan-check and installation requirements
- UST removal requirements

CERS training does not qualify as an acceptable subject matter for continuing education credit. More information on obtaining continuing education credits can be found in the document linked below.

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/forms/docs/icc\\_ust\\_renewal\\_08292007.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/forms/docs/icc_ust_renewal_08292007.pdf)

## **Office of Tank Tester Licensing Program**

The Office of Tank Tester Licensing (OTTL) issued its quarterly report for the period of January – March 2015 on April 8th, 2015. The report contains information regarding individuals whose tank tester’s license has expired, been suspended, or individuals that have been placed on probation. To get a recent and full copy of licensed tank testers, visit the website below.

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/leak\\_prevention/lgs/105\\_12.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/leak_prevention/lgs/105_12.shtml)