



UST Program Update June 2016

Informational Workshop on Permanent Closure of Single-Walled USTs

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) held four informational workshops around the State that discussed the permanent closure of single-walled underground storage tanks (USTs). The workshops were held in Sacramento, Los Angeles, Clovis, and Redding between December 2015 and May of 2016. UST Leak Prevention Program staff discussed in detail the design and construction requirements, as well as the closure requirements, imposed by Senate Bill 445 (Stats. 2014, Ch. 547). Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks Program staff discussed loan and grant funding opportunities available to assist eligible small business owners/operators to meet the single-walled UST removal requirement. Lastly, UST Cleanup Fund staff presented information regarding cleanup funds available to assist eligible owners/operators with cleaning up petroleum-related contamination from the UST.

The presentations given at these workshops as well as other helpful information is located on our Single-Walled UST Closure Requirements page locate at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/single_walled/

For more information, please contact Cory Hootman at cory.hootman@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 341-5668.

New Enhanced Vapor Recovery Determination Letter

A new enhanced vapor recovery (EVR) determination letter, dated May 10, 2016, has been posted to the State Water Board's EVR Multi-Agency Review Process website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/evr_determination_letters.shtml

This EVR determination letter addresses OPW Fueling Containment Systems' request for the addition of the Fibrelite multiport configuration and revision of the EVR phase I system equipment list. This determination letter supersedes the previously issued determination letter for the OPW Fueling Containment Systems EVR phase I system issued August 26, 2014. The current EVR determination letter can be found at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/docs/evr_determination/opw_05102016.pdf

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Placer County Firm to Pay \$200,000, Cease All Cleanup Work for Alleged Abuses of Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund

The State Water Board has reached a settlement agreement with Applied Engineering and Geology (AEG) of Placer County over allegations of overbilling and other abuses against the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund. The Lincoln-based company will pay an administrative civil liability of \$200,000 and will cease all work on projects funded by the Cleanup Fund and the Cleanup and Abatement Account.

This settlement between the State Water Board and AEG is the first action taken under Senate Bill 445, which took effect Sept. 25, 2014.

For more information, read the press release found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/press_room/press_releases/2016/pr051616_aeg_enforce.pdf.

State Water Board Launches Webpage Listing Businesses Disqualified From Working with the Board Due to Fraud

In its continued effort to reduce fraud against its cleanup programs, the State Water Board has launched a new webpage listing businesses and persons disqualified from State Water Board programs, including the UST Cleanup Fund. This webpage is located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/dbp.shtml.

The new webpage lists disqualified businesses and persons and the State Water Board programs for which they are no longer permitted to perform work. The disqualifications are the result of allegations of fraud against the Cleanup Fund.

For information on the State Water Board's efforts to prevent, investigate and prosecute cases of fraud against the Cleanup Fund, see the fact sheet located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/publications/factsheets/docs/fraud_efforts_factsheet.pdf.

Reporting suspected fraud against the Cleanup Fund is easy. Report by email at reportfraud@waterboards.ca.gov, toll-free phone at (1-855) 263-0863, or by mailing or faxing a Fraud Reporting Complaint Form to the State Water Board at:

State Water Board
Office of Enforcement
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812
Fax: (916) 341-5896

The Fraud Reporting Complaint Form is online located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/docs/fraudcomplaint_form.pdf

New Tank Lining FAQ Posted

In response to the rise in tank lining activities around the State of California, there have been many questions about when a tank may be relined and how many times a tank may be relined. To help answer those questions a new frequently asked question webpage has been created. This FAQ web page is located at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/faq14.shtml

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Office of Tank Tester Licensing Request for Interior Tank Lining Companies to Submit Notification of UST Lining Activities

As previously advised in the May State Water Board Monthly update, many CUPAs have expressed significant concern regarding compatibility issues associated with aging UST infrastructure. Particularly, it has been expressed that tank lining is occurring to repair or address these compatibility issues without understanding the root cause. As a result of the significant number of tank lining events going on throughout the state and not having a clear understanding as to why the increased lining events are occurring, **the State Water Board Office of Tank Tester Licensing is requesting that tank lining companies notify the State Water Board 7 days prior to commencing any tank lining activities.** This request is issued in the State Water Board letter below.

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/interior_tank_lining_notification_letter&form.pdf

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