



UST Program Update August 2017

Significant Operational Compliance (Report 6) Due September 1, 2017

The January - June 2017 reporting period ended June 30, 2017 and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has distributed the Report 6 forms and instructions to all Unified Program Agencies (UPAs). All UPAs must submit Report 6 data to the State Water Board in a timely manner, but no later than September 1, 2017. UPAs who have staff who are new to the Report 6, State Water Board recommends an early submittal to allow time for necessary adjustments. Last reporting period there were a number of Report 6 rejections due to incomplete or inaccurate submittals.

The “paper” Report 6 must be submitted, by those UPAs that have not yet transitioned to paperless reporting. Those UPAs that have been approved for paperless reporting must still run their Report 6 report in the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) to verify their data and submit a certification form to the State Water Board by the September 1, 2017 deadline. To request paperless reporting for the next reporting period, see the “Underground Storage Tank Report 6 Paperless Reporting Requirements” document found at http://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/soc_paperless.pdf.

For more information, please contact Mr. Erin Garner at (916) 341-5513 or erin.garner@waterboards.ca.gov.

Petroleum Equipment Institute, Underground Storage Tank Maintenance Guide

The Petroleum Equipment Institute (PEI) has released the *RP900: Recommended Practices of the inspection and Maintenance of Underground Storage Tank Systems (2017 edition)*. The recommended practice applies to underground storage tanks (UST) and associated equipment intended to store and dispense gasoline, diesel and related petroleum products at vehicle fueling facilities. This edition includes a new appendix addressing water management in UST systems.

PEI is an industry leader in establishing construction, maintenance, testing and engineering practices for UST systems. The RP900 Table of Contents can be found here: <https://www.pei.org/sites/default/files/PDF/RP900/rp090017toc.pdf>

UST Surcharge Increase

Effective June 2, 2017 the UST surcharge increased from \$15 to \$20. UPAs must assess and collect the new UST surcharge starting August 1, 2017.

The UST surcharge is an assessment on each regulated UST and is used to fund necessary and reasonable costs of the State Water Board for program implementation, ongoing maintenance and oversight of the Unified Program. This is the first of two proposed UST surcharge increases by the State Water Board. The Unified Program UST surcharge is authorized by the California Health and Safety Code, Division 20, Chapter 6.11, section 25404.5(b), and the California Code of Regulations, Title 27, Division 1, Subdivision 4, Chapter 1, Section 15240.

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When to Review UST Records

State Water Board wishes to remind UPAs that UST records submitted via CERS or other method, should be reviewed by the UPA for completeness and accuracy during the annual inspection (California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.7, section 25288 (a)). This makes the deadline for reviewing UST records the same as the annual inspection date, and under no circumstances longer than one year.

It is important to understand through, reviewing records only during the annual inspection may allow violations to persist, which then poses a threat to water quality. Further, statute and regulations require facilities to submit certain information in a timely manner with the assumption that it will be reviewed and acted on within a reasonable time frame by the UPA. For these reasons, the State Water Board expects UST testing and maintenance records to be reviewed as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the submittal date, and all other records be reviewed for completeness and accuracy, though not necessarily field verified, as soon as possible, but no later than 60 days after the submittal date.

The letter can be found on our website at http://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/rvw_ust_records.pdf. If you have any questions regarding this letter please contact Ms. Lisa Jensen at (916) 319-0742 or lisa.jensen@waterboards.ca.gov.