



UST Program Update February 2017

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

The July - December 2016 reporting period ending December 31, 2016 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 State Water Board staff in a timely manner, but no later than March 1, 2017. The “paper” Report 6 is required to be submitted, except for a small number of agencies that have been approved for 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 State Water Board staff by the March 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.

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Notice of Amended Underground Storage Tank Regulations Requiring Electronic Reporting Effective January 1, 2017

The proposed electronic reporting amendments to the underground storage tank (UST) regulations have completed the rulemaking process and became effective on January 1, 2017. On January 30, 2017, a notice was sent out notifying UST owners and operator, UPAs, and other interested parties of the amendments. The amended regulations clarifies or makes specific existing reporting requirements under the UST program by stating the method by which UST owners or operators and UPAs must submit specified information and documents to the State Water Board, Regional Water Boards, or the applicable UPA. The amendments address electronic reporting requirements and define which documents and information must be submitted electronically. In several cases, the regulations have been changed to omit the reference of an obsolete paper form in favor of its electronic counterpart in CERS. These provisions do not include any new reporting requirements. A copy of the notice is located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/adm_notices/elec_rpt_01012017.pdf

An underline and strikeout copy of the amended sections of the UST regulation and other useful resources related to the rulemaking process are available at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/elect_rpt_regs/

A direct link to the amended text is located at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/elect_rpt_regs/docs/elec_rpt_adopted_and_filed_regs_10122016_us.pdf

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Proposed Title 23 UST Regulations for Meeting Federal UST Requirement

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) issued revised federal UST regulations on July 15, 2015. The compliance deadlines for the new requirements in the federal UST regulations range from October 13, 2015 to October 13, 2018. UPAs require the authority to inspect for and enforce the new federal UST regulations, therefore State Water Board staff, in conjunction with the U.S.EPA, are updating the California Code of Regulations to include the new requirements in the federal UST regulations. Staff is currently reviewing and drafting language to meet the new federal UST regulations that are more stringent than California requirements. The informal drafted text was shared on January 24, 2017 with selected regulators from throughout the state, industry stakeholders, and other interested agencies. Sometime later this year the informal drafted text will be shared with the UST Steering Committee for discussion and informal comments after which the proposed text will be released for public comment including public hearings.

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Regulation Changes Presented at 2017 CUPA Conference

At the 2017 CUPA conference, Mr. Cory Hootman will discuss the U.S. EPA revised UST regulations. Topics will include compliance deadlines and general descriptions of new federal UST regulations that are more stringent than California UST statutes and regulations. Additionally, Mr. Tom Henderson will discuss pending regulatory concepts and updates to State Water Board Local Guidance Letters intended for improved and consistent implementation of UST laws and regulations. The new regulations and policies session will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. The CUPA Conference agenda can be found at <https://calcupa.org/CUPA-2017/agenda/>

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