Abandoned Underground Storage Tank Inspections

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has addressed compliance inspection requirements for abandoned underground storage tanks (AbUSTs) in a letter to the Unified Program Agencies (UPAs) dated August 15, 2017. California Health and Safety Code requires all USTs be inspected annually, including AbUSTs. Minimum inspection criteria has been developed for documenting and reporting compliance of AbUSTs at facilities with limited or no site access. The semiannual Report 6 includes the number of UST compliance inspections conducted, significant operational compliance determinations, and number of active USTs. UPAs are required to include AbUSTs inspections data in the next Report 6, due March 1, 2018. The letter also addresses AbUST requirements for the California Electronic Reporting System (CERS).

The letter and inspection checklist can be found on our website at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/docs/abandoned_storage/abust_inspection_letter_and_checklist.pdf

For questions regarding the AbUST requirements, please contact Mr. Tom Henderson at (916) 319-9128 or tom.henderson@waterboards.ca.gov.

Updated CERS Frequently Asked Questions Posted

The CERS frequently asked question (FAQ) “Reporting Abandoned USTs” has been revised to reflect the appropriate actions a UPA must take when an AbUST is discovered containing product. The United States Environmental Protection Agency has determined an underground storage tank is considered to be in use if it contains an inch or more of petroleum. Therefore, it must be treated as a regulated tank. All regulated tanks require a CERS entry.

The link to the updated CERS FAQs can be found at https://cersbusiness.calepa.ca.gov/Help and/or http://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/cers/faqs.shtml.

For more CERS information, please contact Mr. Dan Firth at daniel.firth@calepa.ca.gov or (916) 445-5049. For information on AbUST reporting, please contact Mr. Tom Henderson at (916) 319-9128 or tom.henderson@waterboards.ca.gov.
**Local Guidance 113 Revised**

Veeder-Root has added the TLS-4 8601 Series monitoring console to specific previously listed sensors and the link to these specific sensors have been modified to include the TLS-4 8601 Series in the title when applicable. In addition, the “Pipeline Capacity” has been revised for Veeder-Root’s Series 8590 DPLL with 8600 Series System (Veeder-Root TLS-450). The Simmons Corp. has revised the “Applicability” of their statistical inventory reconciliation SIR 5.7 LM listing to include monitoring the storage of new crank oil, used crank oil, aviation fuel, kerosene, and waste oil. Franklin Fueling Systems has added two new liquid sensor for the Incon TS and EVO series monitoring consoles, and two interstitial sensors for the EVO series monitoring consoles. To view the new and revised leak detection equipment LG-113 postings visit the link below.

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/leak_prevention/lg113/misc/lg113_revisions.shtml

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

**Petroleum Equipment Institute, Underground Storage Tank Maintenance Webinar**

Last month, PEI released a major revision of *RP900: Recommended Practices for the Inspection and Maintenance of UST Systems*. To help state regulators and PEI members better understand key provisions of the new document, PEI will host a free, one-hour webinar at 8:00am PDT on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. Presenters are four members of the committee responsible for drafting PEI/RP900-17: In addition to presentations from the panelists, the webinar will allow time for attendees to ask questions. To register, please visit https:// register.gotowebinar.com/register/2250677597032860674. Registrants will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the webinar.

**UPA Manager/UST Staff List Serve Subscription**

The State Water Board UST Leak Prevention Unit communicates with UPAs through various methods. The most wide reaching and consistent method of communication we utilize is our List Serve. All UPA Managers and UST Staff should ensure that they are subscribed to the State Water Board List Serve group identified as ‘CUPA / PA UST Managers and Inspectors’ at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/ust_subscribe.shtml.

The information that is distributed through the List Serve is commonly posted to our ‘Technical UST Program Notifications’ webpage at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/tech_notices.shtml or ‘Administrative UST Program Notifications’ webpage at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/ust/adm_notices.shtml.

For questions regarding the UST Program web page or List Serve, please contact Mr. Tom Henderson at (916) 319-9128 or tom.henderson@waterboards.ca.gov.