



UST Program Update November 2019

Notice of Proposed Underground Storage Tank Reporting Regulations and Opportunity to Provide Comment

On November 1, 2019 the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) distributed a Lyris email notifying underground storage tank (UST) stakeholders of proposed amendments to the California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16, article 3 (UST Reporting Regulations) regarding reporting requirements and the opportunity to comment on the amendments. The proposed amendment to UST Regulations, sections 2713 and 2716 changed the reporting requirements of owners and operators, and local agencies. The State Water Board also proposes to modify certification, inspection and testing forms in regulation.

The public comment period for the proposed UST Reporting Regulations is now open and ends on December 17, 2019 at noon. Any interested person may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action to the State Water Board's Clerk to the Board by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov, by fax at (916) 341-5620, or by mail or hand delivery addressed to:

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (by mail); or
1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (by hand delivery).

More information on the rulemaking package is available on the UST Program's [Proposed UST Reporting Regulations webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/repregs/index.html).
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For additional information regarding the proposed UST Reporting Regulations, contact Mr. Tom Henderson at (916) 319-9128 or Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov.

Diesel Exhaust Fluid

In a letter to stakeholders dated October 2, 2019, the State Water Board clarified the definition of diesel exhaust fluid (DEF). DEF is used in Selective Catalytic Reduction technology to reduce the emissions of oxides of nitrogen from diesel engine exhaust.

Standard DEF is 32.5 percent urea solution; however, it can vary slightly in composition, generally in a range of 31.8 – 33.2 percent urea solution. Standard DEF is not a hazardous substance as defined in Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25281 and is not regulated under part 280 of 40 Code of Federal Regulations.

The State Water Board [letter on DEF](#) can be found at the UST Program's website. (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/tech_notices/docs/letter_def_2019.pdf)

If you have any additional questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Laura Fisher at (916) 341-5870 or Laura.Fisher@waterboards.ca.gov or Mr. Tom Henderson at (916) 319-9128 or Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov.

UST Regulation Package for the Storage of Diesel Containing up to 20 Percent Biodiesel Submitted to the Office of Administrative Law for Review

The complete UST regulation package for the storage of diesel containing up to 20 percent biodiesel (B20) has been submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for review. The proposed UST regulations amends California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16, article 3, sections 2631 and 2631.2. The proposed amendment to section 2631 recognizes B20 as an equivalent to diesel stored in double-walled UST systems, unless any material or component of the UST system is determined not compatible with B20. The adopted amendments also delete section 2631.2, which provides a temporary variance for biodiesel blends from June 1, 2009 to June 1, 2012, because it is inoperative. Once approved by OAL, the next step is for the package to be filed with the California Secretary of State. An effective date will be provided once the State Water Board has been advised by OAL.

More information on the rulemaking package is available on the UST Program's [Proposed Biodiesel UST Regulations webpage](#) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/bio_regs/).

For additional information regarding the proposed UST Biodiesel Regulations, please contact Ms. Laura Fisher at (916) 341-5870 or Laura.Fisher@waterboards.ca.gov.

UST Closure Documentation

Written closure documentation is an important and required program element for Unified Program Agencies (UPAs) to provide to owners/operators once USTs are properly closed in place or removed in accordance with Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25298(c) and UST Regulations, section 2672. UST closure is not considered complete without proper closure documentation. Proper closure includes soil and/or water sampling, reporting unauthorized releases, and working with local UPA staff to ensure closure requirements are being met in a timely fashion and to the satisfaction of the UPA. UPAs have a responsibility to maintain this closure documentation in accordance with Title 27, section 15185, and must provide this information upon request

of the State Water Board. This subject is address further at our [Frequently Asked Questions page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/faq15.shtml). (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/faq15.shtml)

For additional information regarding UST closure documentation, please contact Ms. Laura Fisher at (916) 341-5870 or Laura.Fisher@waterboards.ca.gov.

Tank Calibration Charts

Unidocs is now providing a growing collection of tank calibration charts as a service to the public. This is not a complete set of tank calibration charts covering the UST universe, however, if you cannot find a specific chart now, check back periodically as the page will be updated as additional charts become available.

Additionally, Unidocs is requesting **original** charts to expand the library. Please email the original tank calibration charts for upload to the email address below. In providing this information, Unidocs is not endorsing the use of any particular manufacturer's equipment. The tank calibration charts can be found at the [Unidocs web page](http://www.unidocs.org/hazmat/ust/installation/tankcharts.html). (<http://www.unidocs.org/hazmat/ust/installation/tankcharts.html>)

For all things Unidocs and tank calibration charts, please contact Mr. Greg Breshears, County of Santa Clara Department of Environmental Health, at (408) 918-1978 or Greg.Breshears@cep.sccgov.org.