Complexities of Monitoring Piping Connected to Satellite Dispensers

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is taking this opportunity to remind Unified Program Agency (UPA) inspectors of the complexities associated with master and satellite dispensers often found at truck fueling facilities. A satellite dispenser is a secondary unit plumbed through the meter of a first dispenser, often called the master dispenser. The fuel from the submersible pump first goes through the master dispenser meter and then is directed back underground to the satellite dispenser allowing tanks on both sides of a vehicle to be simultaneously filled. It is critical to verify during the annual monitoring certification that the line leak detector is capable of monitoring the entire primary product line between the submersible pump and the satellite dispenser.

Equally important, secondarily contained lines between the master and satellite dispensers must be tested every 36 months or continuously monitored by vacuum, pressure or hydrostatic fluid. UPA inspectors must ensure service technicians performing testing of line leak detectors, secondary containment, or certifying a zone sensor that includes a satellite dispenser, ensure the portion of product line between the master and satellite dispenser is properly monitored.

For more information regarding the monitoring and testing of piping connected to satellite dispensers, please contact Mr. Tom Henderson at (916) 319-9128 or Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov, or Ms. Roya Raheb at (916) 341-5668 or Roya.Raheb@waterboards.ca.gov.

Report 6 Due March 1, 2020

The State Water Board recently distributed the Report 6 forms and instructions to all UPAs for the reporting period of July 1 through December 31, 2019. UPAs must submit Report 6 submittals to State Water Board staff no later than March 1, 2020. The underground storage tank (UST) performance measures data, from the Report 6 submittals is collected by the State Water Board, and the results are consolidated and reported to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). All states are required to provide UST performance measure data to the U.S. EPA, and national UST Performance Measure data is available on the U.S. EPA web site (https://www.epa.gov/ust/ust-performance-measures).

The “paper” Report 6 must be submitted by UPAs that have not transitioned to paperless reporting. UPAs approved for paperless reporting must run their Report 6 in CERS, verify their data, and submit a Request/Certification for Paperless Report 6.
Reporting to the State Water Board by March 1, 2020. CERS 3.0 UST Program Reports include Report 6 data totaling routine UST inspections and technical compliance rate violations. The State Water Board encourages those UPAs who have not been approved for paperless reporting to continue working to correct their data. To request paperless reporting for the next reporting period, see the State Water Board correspondence Underground Storage Tank Report 6 Paperless Reporting Requirements for more information (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/adm_notices/paperless_reporting_requirements.pdf).

For questions or assistance regarding paperless reporting, please contact Mr. Daniel Firth at (916) 341-5711 or Daniel.Firth@waterboards.ca.gov.

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2020 Unified Program Conference

State Water Board UST Leak Prevention staff will be attending the 2020 Unified Program Conference from February 3 – 6, 2020. Staff will be available in person for questions and extended discussions on UST Program implementation. We look forward to seeing you there!