

UST Program Update February 2023

Report 6 Due

On January 6, 2023, State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff distributed the Semi-Annual Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program Report (Report 6) forms and instructions for the July 1 through December 31, 2022, reporting period. The completed Report 6 documents are due to the State Water Board no later than March 1, 2023. Consistent with the last several reporting periods, Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs) will continue to report field constructed tanks, facilities with USTs that have received a red tag, and facilities with abandoned or temporarily closed USTs.

For additional information regarding Report 6 requirements, contact; Mr. Steven Mullery at (916) 341-5850 or Steven.Mullery@waterboards.ca.gov or Mr. Tom Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov.

UST Regulations Rewrite

The State Water Board is rewriting California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16 (UST Regulations) in preparation of the permanent closure of all single-walled USTs. The proposed UST Regulations have an expected effective date of January 1, 2026.

From September through December 2022, the State Water Board met regularly with select CUPAs and private sector stakeholders to critically examine the proposed changes to UST Regulations. Over the next several months, the State Water Board will review the proposed modifications provided by the stakeholders, modify forms to be appropriate for secondarily contained systems, and begin to prepare rulemaking and financial analysis documents. State Water Board staff expect to provide webinars this summer for other members of industry to review and ask questions about the proposed regulations.

For additional information regarding the UST regulations rewrite, contact: Mr. Austin Lemire-Baeten at (916) 327-5612, or Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov.

CUPA Evaluations and Government Owned Tank Facilities

The Government Owned Tanks (GOT) program led by the State Water Board, Office of Enforcement (OE) is no longer actively reviewing government owned UST facilities. The OE will review GOT facilities as they overlap other enforcement programs or upon recommendation. Continued assessment of locally owned or operated facilities will remain part of the State Water Board's CUPA evaluations. If available, the State Water Board will select UST facilities that are owned or operated by the CUPA's governing body during the facility file selection process. Information regarding the OE's GOT program can be found on their web site¹.

For additional information regarding GOT facilities, contact:

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Manufacturer Supply Chain Limitations

The State Water Board is aware of supply chain problems impacting Veeder Root TLS-350 ROM board memory chips. Veeder Root is working with an additional supplier to mitigate the issue. The new ROM board is currently in testing with the California Air Resources Board. If a facility requires a replacement ROM board, software version 136/336 with the updated onboard refueling vapor recovery tables must be ordered.

For additional information regarding Veeder Root's TLS-350 software, contact: Veeder Root customer service at customerservice@veeder.com.

¹ https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/tanks.html