



State Water Resources Control Board

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To: Underground Storage Tank Owners and Operators, Unified Program Agencies, and Other Interested Parties

AMENDED REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIFIED PROGRAM FACILITY PERMITS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

Effective January 1, 2017, California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16 has been amended to modify the requirements for the content and maintenance permits to operate underground storage tanks (USTs). Below is a summary of the amendments that affect the requirements for permits to operate USTs.

California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16 as well as California Code of Regulations, title 27, division 1, subdivision 4, part II, article 5, section 15190, require unified program agencies to issue Unified Program Facility Permits, which includes the UST operating permit (permit) to operate USTs. The permit is required to contain, at a minimum, the specified information stated in California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16, section 2712(c) and California Code of Regulations, title 27, division 1, subdivision 4, part II, article 5, section 15190 (h). The amended UST Regulations require the permit to include the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) identification number. Permits issued or renewed on and after January 1, 2017 must contain the CERS identification number.

UST Regulations require the owner or operator of a UST to retain a copy of the permit at the facility. (California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16, § 2712(i).) The amended UST Regulations clarify that the facility does not need to retain a paper copy of the permit if an electronic copy of the permit is readily accessible at the facility. UST owners and operators able to produce a copy of the permit onsite, in either electronic or paper form, meet the requirement that the permit be readily accessible at the facility.

If you have question regarding these amendments, please contact Mr. Sean Farrow at (916) 324-7493 or by email at sean.farrow@waterboards.ca.gov or Ms. Lisa Jensen at (916) 319-0742 or by email at lisa.jensen@waterboards.ca.gov.

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