
State Water Resources Control Board

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To: Unified Program Agencies and Other Interested Parties

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS DURING CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

Effective January 1, 2026, amendments to the California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16 ([Underground Storage Tank \(UST\) Regulations](#)) modify the UST owner or operator submittal requirements to the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) and GeoTracker.¹ The corresponding CERS platform updates are not yet complete. This letter provides direction on how to comply with the requirement to submit the Designated UST Operator Identification and the requirement to submit all test results until the CERS platform updates have been completed.

Once the CERS platform updates are complete, the Designated UST Operator Identification information will be fillable information that replaces the Designated UST Operator Identification Form. Until the CERS platform updates are complete, UST owners or operators are directed to continue to submit the [Designated UST Operator Identification Form](#)² (October 2020) to CERS to comply with the requirement to submit the Designated UST Operator Identification to the Unified Program Agency (UPA). (See UST Regulations, § 2613(a) & (b).) This Form will continue to be available for use on the [UST Leak Prevention Form](#)³ webpage until the CERS platform updates have been completed.

Additionally, once the CERS platform updates are complete, UST owners or operators will be required to submit all testing reports through CERS. UST owners or operators, however, must continue to provide test reports to the UPA within 30 days of performing the test. (See UST Regulations, § 2660(d).) Until the CERS platform updates are complete, test results may be provided to the UPA by hand-delivery, mail, facsimile, or other electronic methods, unless otherwise directed by the UPA.

The State Water Resources Control Board will provide ample notice to UST owners and operators once the new CERS platform becomes available. If you have any questions

¹ All citations to the UST Regulations in this letter are to the UST Regulations that will be in effect on January 1, 2026.

² https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/adm_notices/repregs/docs/app11.pdf

³ <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/publications/forms.html>

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