



UST Program Update August 2022

Underground Storage Tank Leak Prevention January – December 2021 Annual Report

On June 30, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) posted the [California Underground Storage Tank Leak Prevention January – December 2021 Annual Report](#)¹ on the Underground Storage Tank website. This report was developed in collaboration with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the State Water Board. The California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) and the California GeoTracker database were utilized to obtain report data. A few noteworthy data points include: releases discovered during system closure remain markedly higher for single-walled systems than for double-walled systems; the removal of single-walled tanks/piping continues to be below the target rate to have all single-walled systems closed by the December 31, 2025 deadline; seven additional Unified Program Agencies (UPAs) are currently paperless reporting; and unauthorized release numbers remain very low.

For more information regarding the annual report, contact:
Mr. Tom Henderson at (916) 319-9128 or Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov.

Testing and Inspection Notification Requirement

California Code of Regulations, title 23, division 3, chapter 16, (UST Regulations), require the UST owner or operator to notify the UPA at least 48 hours prior to performing certifications, tests, or inspections. State Water Board staff (staff) are aware of situations where the UST owner or operator have provided notification at least 48 hours in advance, and in some cases up to 30 days in advance, only for the UPA to reject the notification based on scheduling conflicts. There are no provisions in the Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7 or UST Regulations that require UPA inspectors be present for these activities, or allow the UPA to reject a proper notification. UPAs

¹ https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/docs/final_ust_leak_prevention_2021.pdf

cannot reject a notification provided at least 48 hours in advance of the certification, test, or inspection without the authority specifically provided through a local ordinance.

For more information regarding testing and inspection notification requirements, contact: Mr. Austin Lemire-Baeten at (916) 327-5612 or Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov.

Use of Veeder Root TLS-450 and TLS-450 Plus

Staff are again fielding questions regarding the use Veeder Root TLS-450 and TLS-450 Plus monitoring panels in California. Both the TLS-450 and the TLS-450 Plus monitoring panels are listed on [Local Guidance letter \(LG\) 113](#)². However, neither the TLS-450 nor the TLS-450 Plus currently have In-Station Diagnostic (ISD) features that meet the requirements of the California Air Resources Board. Although the TLS-450 and TLS-450 Plus panels are not yet available for facilities requiring ISD, UPAs should anticipate their use at new installations and facility upgrades, and should obtain manufacturer training on them.

For more information regarding the use of the Veeder Root TLS-450 panels, contact: Mr. Austin Lemire-Baeten at (916) 327-5612 or Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov.

Report 6 Due September 1, 2022

The State Water Board recently distributed the Report 6 forms and instructions to all UPAs for the reporting period of January 1 through June 30, 2022. UPAs must submit Report 6 to staff no later than September 1, 2022.

For more information regarding Report 6 requirements please contact: Mr. Steven Mullery at (916) 341-5850 or Steven.Mullery@waterboards.ca.gov.

CUPA Evaluation Website

Staff updated the [CUPA Performance Evaluation website](#)³ with new pages regarding single-walled UST systems and the UST facility file selection process. As staff continue to develop the website, inclusions will be noted in the [UST Program Updates](#)⁴.

For more information regarding CUPA performance evaluations, please contact: Ms. Jenna Hartman at (916) 327-8563 or Jenna.Hartman@waterboards.ca.gov.

² https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/leak_prevention/lg113/

³ https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/performance-evaluations.html

⁴ <https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/cupa/updates/>