



UST Program Update July 2016

Significant Operational Compliance (Report 6) due September 1, 2016

The January – June 2016 reporting period is over and the State Water Board has distributed the Report 6 form and instructions. All CUPAs and PAs must submit Report 6 data to the State Water Board in a timely manner, but no later than September 1, 2016. Except for a small number of agencies that have been approved for paperless reporting, the “paper” Report 6 is required to be submitted. Those CUPAs or PAs that have been approved for paperless reporting must still run reports in CERS to verify their data and submit a certification form to the State Water Board by the September 1, 2016 deadline. To request paperless reporting for the next reporting period, see the “Underground Storage Tank Report 6 Paperless Reporting Requirements” document found at http://waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/soc_paperless.pdf.

Jessica Botsford is the new contact for Report 6. Please contact Jessica at Jessica.botsford@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 341-7338 if you have any questions with the Report 6 form or paperless reporting.

New and Updated CERS FAQs Posted

Two new CERS FAQs have been posted and one existing FAQ has been revised.

“Determining Unified Program Element Regulated Facility Count” has been posted for Regulator Users. The FAQ explains how to determine the number of regulated facilities by the Unified Program Element by using the appropriate search criteria.

“Assigning Existing USTs to a New Facility” was posted for Regulator Users to provide guidance to a business that takes over an existing UST facility or tank, particularly relating to changing tank ID numbers. With very few exceptions, tank ID numbers should not change when an existing UST facility is transferred to another business because the CERS ID does not change.

“Citations for Failure to Report UP Information” originally posted for Regulator Users has been updated to refer the reader to the violation library because of recent changes to the library. This FAQ clarifies that UPAs should cite “Reporting” violations based on each applicable program element requirement for reporting information. Reporting violations are not electronic reporting or CERS reporting related violations, but rather violations of the requirements established for each program element to report

information. Electronic reporting is the required method for reporting Unified Program information, not the impetus for reporting such information.

The link to the FAQs can be found on the CERS website at <https://cersregulator.calepa.ca.gov/Help> and the State Water Board's website at <http://waterboards.ca.gov/ust/cers/faqs.shtml>.

For more information, please contact Dan Firth at Daniel.firth@calepa.ca.gov.

State Water Resources Control Board CUPA Evaluations

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) continues progress with CUPA evaluations using the new remote evaluation model. To date, using this model, six (6) evaluations have been completed and are available for review on CalEPA's Unified Program Regulator Directory at <http://cersapps.calepa.ca.gov/Public/Directory/CUPAEvaluationDocuments/>

The remote evaluation model allows State Water Board evaluators, and evaluators from other State agencies, to perform evaluations remotely with focused meetings with the CUPA by web and telephone conference. State Water Board continues oversight visits with CUPAs during the evaluation and offers hands-on training using CERS to identify missing, inaccurate or incomplete information in CERS.

For more information regarding State Water Board CUPA evaluations, please contact Sean Farrow at sean.farrow@waterboards.ca.gov / (916) 324-7493 or Lisa Jensen at lisa.jensen@waterboards.ca.gov / (916) 319-0742.