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Electronic Reporting Update

Assembly Bill 2286 requiring Unified Program electronic reporting has been passed. It requires the electronic submittal of Unified Program data by 2013. The regulated community will be able to submit data directly to their local Unified Program Agency (UPA) who will share it with Cal/EPA. Alternatively, multi-jurisdictional businesses will be able to exchange data with Cal/EPA who will in turn share the data with the UPA. Cal/EPA will serve as a virtual data warehouse. Cal/EPA will also exchange data with US EPA and will create a public access website.

The bill provides a funding mechanism for the transition to e-reporting. Each regulated business is now required to pay \$24 per year in Unified Program service charge. The bill authorizes up to an additional \$25 per year for three years. This will result in approximately \$10 million over the three years. Of this amount, about \$2 million will remain with Cal/EPA for the development and ongoing maintenance and support of the state's data submission portal and data exchange system. The remaining approximately \$8 million will be distributed to or used directly to support the UPAs. A mechanism of fund allocation and distribution is currently being developed. These funds or services contracted by Cal/EPA will be available to UPAs to fund various aspects of the transition to e-reporting.

Cal/EPA will be including updates in the Newsletter on a regular basis as the implementation of this important capability moves forward.

For more information you can contact Jim Bohon of Cal/EPA at jbohon@calepa.ca.gov

Use of Unified Program Consolidated Forms

The revised Unified Program Consolidated Forms (UPCFs) became effective in January 2008. As part of the transition from the older forms to the revised forms, Cal/EPA Unified Program staff have reported at each Regional CUPA Forum through August 2008 that CUPAs need to begin using the revised forms in July 2008. This gives the CUPAs the time to collect the appropriate information for reporting on the 2009 Summary Reports.

At this time all CUPAs and PAs should be using the revised UPCFs. Cal/EPA has worked with the Unidocs application manager to raise the priority for revising the online reporting UST forms. Unidocs has printable forms available on the website now. The printed version through the online Unidocs reporting system is expected to be available in January 2009.

For the Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA) program, there is no separate UPCF. The APSA statute includes language that provides that if a business has filed its business plan and it is current (there is a current annual certification), no additional reporting is required. See <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/Aboveground/> for additional information.

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Aboveground Storage Tank List Due December 1

As part of the APSA Grants, each CUPA is required to submit a revised list of regulated aboveground petroleum storage tanks by December 1, 2008 to the Cal/EPA Unified Program. Using the initial list published by Cal/EPA in October 2007, the CUPAs are required to compare local records with the initial list to determine those facilities that handle petroleum materials in amounts that are equal to or in excess of 1,320 gallons. The list will then be segregated based on the following categories:

1. Exempted tank facilities with total tank storage capacity of less than 20,000 gallons
2. Tank facilities w/ storage capacity $\geq 1,320$ and $< 10,000$ gallons
3. Tank facilities w/ storage capacity $\geq 10,000$ and $< 100,000$ gallons
4. Tank facilities w/ storage capacity $\geq 100,001$ and $< 1,000,000$ gallons
5. Tank facilities w/ storage capacity $\geq 1,000,001$ and $< 10,000,000$ gallons
6. Tank facilities w/ storage capacity $\geq 10,000,001$ and $< 100,000,000$ gallons
7. Tank facilities w/ storage capacity $\geq 100,000,001$ gallons

CUPAs should use the Excel spreadsheet provided last year to report the aboveground petroleum storage tanks.

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Department of Toxic Substances Control

2008 Verification Questionnaire and Manifest Fees Assessment

Due to unforeseen circumstances, DTSC was not able to mail the 2008 Verification Questionnaire (VQ) and Manifest Fees Assessment on October 27, 2008 as planned and reported in last month's newsletter. Some of the forms will be mailed on November 3rd and the remainder on November 10 to approximately 130,000 permanent and temporary EPA ID number holders.

DTSC will have dedicated telephone lines and staff to answer calls regarding the verification questionnaire and manifest assessment process. Please refer verification and manifest assessment callers to (877) 454-4012 (toll-free) when calling from within California, and (916) 255-4439 when calling from outside California. The telephone lines will be extremely busy for several weeks after the mailing.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Verification Questionnaire and Manifest Fees Assessment are available at www.dtsc.ca.gov under **Information for Business, ID Numbers and Manifests** and click on the link for **California ID Number page**.

State Water Resources Control Board

Report 6 and Red Tag Reporting

Beginning with the September 1, 2008 submittal, CUPAs will be reporting Report 6 and Red Tag data on a semi-annual basis using revised forms contained in the Title 27 regulations, effective January 18, 2008. The revised forms and instructions can be found

at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/Publications/default.htm#CUPAtoState>. As in the past, each CUPA will receive a Report 6 form pre-populated with data from the previous reporting period. We will send out the pre-populated forms in early July. They are due back with January-June 2008 data by September 1, so that we can report back to US EPA by October 2008.

We have simplified the Report 6 form in several ways:

- 1) Replace the previous Column B that showed net changes with a new Column B that shows number of new facilities or systems and add a Column C to show number of closed facilities or systems;
- 2) Delete reporting of UST systems with release detection and UST systems with release prevention, which were 1998 upgrade requirements;
- 3) Revise significant operational compliance reporting to create 4 categories that do not overlap: facilities in compliance with release detection only; facilities in compliance with release prevention only; facilities in compliance with both release detection and release prevention; and facilities with violations of both release detection and release prevention.

The Red Tag data requirements were changed to add the facility owner's name and facility operator's name to the form. Red Tag data are submitted as side 2 of the Report 6 form. A place was added to the bottom of the Report 6 form to be checked if no Red Tags were issued during the reporting period. The Red Tag form was redesigned to make it easier to enter the required information.

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2009 National UST Conference in Sacramento

The US Environmental Protection Agency hosts an national UST conference for state UST staff to get together to showcase their programs, exchange ideas and hear what's new from Washington, DC. In 2009, the annual conference will take place at the Sacramento Convention Center from March 30-April 1.

The conference schedule will be posted soon on the OUST website, and the SWRCB will have a link from our website to the national conference page. Also, USEPA is combining the UST regulatory and LUST fund conferences starting in 2009. You'll be able to attend sessions on financial responsibility and related topics, as well as UST regulatory sessions. There will be technical sessions on alternative fuels and other topics that are applicable in California, but most of the regulatory sessions will relate more to the federal regulations than to California's unique requirements. In 2008, the national UST conference attracted between 500 and 600 people, mostly state regulators with federal UST staff from USEPA headquarters and their 10 regional offices, and consultants/contractors.

There will be a mixer with hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar on the Delta King Sunday, March 29- either on the aft deck if it's warm and sunny or in the forward reception room if the weather is inclement. The conference planners have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn @ 3rd and J Streets at a discounted rate for conference attendees.

For more information, contact Terry Brazell @ 916-341-5645 with general questions and Laura Chaddock @ 916-341-5870 for technical questions.

Governor's Office of Emergency Services

None

Office of the State Fire Marshal

None