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### California Environmental Protection Agency

#### **Annual Summary Reports**

Cal/EPA Unified Program would like to remind the Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs) that Summary Reports 2 through 4 are due to the Secretary by September 30, 2009, in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 27, section 15290(a)(1-3). Please note that Cal/EPA will be accepting reports ONLY in the new forms (Reports 3 and 4) which may be found on Cal/EPA's website at [www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/Publications](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/Publications). Data from these reports are used by the state and federal agencies for a variety of purposes, including CUPA evaluations.

For questions or comment, please contact Farida Islam at [fislam@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:fislam@calepa.ca.gov).

### Department of Toxic Substances Control

None

### State Water Resources Control Board

#### **Lawful Storage of Certain Biodiesel Blends**

Effective June 1, 2009, an emergency regulatory action was approved by the Office of Administrative Law which allows for the lawful storage of certain biodiesel blends up to 20% biodiesel, 80% petroleum diesel, commonly known as B20, in underground storage tanks (USTs) that have been tested and approved for storing petroleum diesel, if specified conditions are met.

A copy of the approved emergency regulatory action, which contains the implementing regulations, can be found at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/regulatory/biodiesel\\_regs.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/regulatory/biodiesel_regs.shtml).

Please note that these emergency regulations (interim provisions) expire December 1, 2009. Therefore in the upcoming weeks State Water Board staff will begin the permanent rule-making process. As a result of the public rule-making process there is a possibility that the permanent regulations may differ from the emergency regulations and that additional or slightly differing requirements may need to be met in the near future.

To lawfully comply with the interim provisions for the storage of biodiesel in USTs, owners must contact the Local Implementing Agency (also known as Certified Unified Program Agency) and follow the appropriate steps (see attached). A list of Local Implementing Agencies can be found at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/contacts/docs/cupa.xls](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/contacts/docs/cupa.xls) For additional information please refer to the State Water Board's web site at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/) or contact Laura S. Fisher at (916) 341-5870 or [lfisher@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:lfisher@waterboards.ca.gov).

### **California Emergency Management Agency**

#### **California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) Program**

The UP Administrative and Advisory Group has approved the formation of a CalARP Steering Committee. The first action for the Steering Committee is to develop a member roster, which will consist of:

- CalEMA Co-Chair - Jack Harrah
- OEHHA Representative(s) - Karen Riveles and/or Bob Blaisdell
- CUPA Co-Chair TBD
- CUPA Representative from each Forum Region and an alternative - TBD

The CUPA Representatives will be members of the CalARP TAGs in their respective CUPA Regional Forum. CUPA representatives who want to participate in CUPA Regional Forum CalARP TAGs and/or the CalARP Steering Committee should contact Randy Sawyer, the Issue Coordinator for the CalARP TAGs).

Contact: Randy Sawyer at (925) 646-2286 or [rsawyer@hsd.cccounty.us](mailto:rsawyer@hsd.cccounty.us)

Once the roster is set, the first Steering Committee meeting will be scheduled and held. The top priority for this Steering Committee is finalizing a charter, setting Toxic End Points for all Table Three regulated substances and working on a CalARP clean-up regulatory package. As this Steering Committee moves forward other items will be raised from the TAGs to the steering committee's level.

#### **Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG)**

The ERGs are available by download: <http://hazmat.dot.gov/pubs/erg/guidebook.htm>  
Emergency Responders can request hard copies.

Contact: Fred Mehr at 916-845-8754 or [Fred.Mehr@oes.ca.gov](mailto:Fred.Mehr@oes.ca.gov)

#### **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

We have excellent news. The U.S. D.O.T. has agreed to fund the HMEP Grant at the same levels as last year. The U.S.D.O.T. and CalEMA would like to have the Local Government in California to update their Area Plans as a first priority. All projects must be HazMat and Transportation related - no exception (per U.S.D.O.T.). No HMEP funds can be used for Overtime or Call Backs, Equipment or buying Software other than Cameo - No exceptions (per U.S.D.O.T.). Recommend Local Governments Submit Applications to their LEPC Chairs by July 15, 2009.

Ronald Olguin is the CalEMA HMEP Administrator. Call him if you have any HMEP questions (Documentation, reimbursement, guidelines, etc.).

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#### **Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant for Fiscal Year 2008-2009**

The third quarterly (¼) report is due on July 15, 2009. Contact for the HMEP Administrator, Ron Olguin, is above.

## **Office of the State Fire Marshal**

### **California Code of Regulations Title 24 Rulemaking**

The OSFM, along with other state agencies, continues to develop and propose building standards for the 2010 California Building Standards Codes. The building standards to be adopted into the California Code of Regulations, title 24, include the following model codes:

2009 International Building Code  
2009 International Fire Code  
2008 National Electrical Code  
2009 Uniform Mechanical Code  
2009 Uniform Plumbing Code

The pre-rulemaking activities, which include draft Express Terms and draft Initial Statement of Reasons, may be viewed on the OSFM's Web site at [http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/codedevelopment/codedevelopment\\_2010codeadoptioncycle.php](http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/codedevelopment/codedevelopment_2010codeadoptioncycle.php). According to the 2009 Annual Code Adoption Cycle timeline, the State Fire Marshal's rulemaking package will initially be submitted to the State Building Standards Commission in June 2009 and the public comment period is expected to begin in September 2009.

### **California State Fire Marshal**

On May 7, 2009, State Fire Marshal Kate Dargan announced that her retirement will be effective as of June 30, 2009. For more information on her announcement, refer to the May 2009 State Fire Marshal Report posted at <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/fromthechief/fromthechief.php>.

### **Fire Department Directory**

For the most up-to-date directory on fire departments within California, you may visit the California Professional Firefighters' on-line directory or download the directory at <http://www.cpf.org/go/cpf/serving-our-profession/fire-department-directory/>.

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