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California Environmental Protection Agency

REMINDER - Cal/EPA Title 27 Regulatory Webcast Workshop

This is a reminder that California Environmental Protection Agency's (Cal/EPA) Unified Program section will be conducting two webcast workshops to share and discuss the proposed amendments to the specified sections of Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations concerning electronic reporting. In general, all the proposed amendments to Title 27 regulations are being made to allow for the transition of a "paper" reporting system to an electronic reporting system for the Unified Program. During each workshop, Cal/EPA will systematically review the proposed amendments to Title 27 and the intended purpose of each amendment. Workshop attendees will be able to discuss the proposed amendments as they are presented.

Please note that Cal/EPA will not be providing any guidance on or discussing any technical aspects of the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) during these workshops.

The text of the proposed Title 27 amendments can be accessed on the following links:

- <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/LawsRegs/ProposedRegs/2012/T27strikeout.pdf>
- <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/LawsRegs/ProposedRegs/2012/T27.pdf>

If you were unable to attend the previous live workshops (June 14 and 20) and are unable to attend upcoming workshops and want to submit comments to Cal/EPA for consideration, please email your comments to Farida Islam at fislam@calepa.ca.gov by July 13, 2012.

Workshop #1 - Webcast*
Date: July 10, 2012
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Workshop #2 - Webcast*
Date: July 12, 2012
Time: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Webcast Instructions

1. Prior to webcast - test your computer by using the following link:
<http://www.readytalk.com/legacy/test-computer.php>
2. On the date of Webcast - Go to "Readytalk" website at <http://www.readytalk.com/>
 - a. Join webcast by entering Participant access code 4556812
 - b. Click on "Join this Meeting"
3. For Audio during Webcast - Call 866-618-7124
 - a. Enter Participant code: 8228723#

* Cal/EPA strongly recommends that each webcast participant test their computer prior to the date of the webcasts. Cal/EPA will not be able to provide any technical assistance should you have problems connecting your computer to the webcast.

Cal/EPA Unified Program State Surcharge Fee Change

The Unified Program State Surcharge is an assessment on each entity regulated under the Unified Program. The State Surcharge is used to fund the necessary and reasonable costs of all State Agencies responsible for program implementation, ongoing maintenance, and oversight of the Unified Program. Assembly Bill 2286 (Chapter 571 Statutes of 2008) provided for an increase in the Oversight portion of the State Surcharge for three years to fund the implementation of mandatory electronic reporting. The three year timeframe for this increased surcharge ends on June 30, 2012, and the Oversight portion of the State Surcharge will be reduced to \$35.00 per year per regulated facility. The Underground Storage Tank and California Accidental Release Prevention Program portions remain unchanged.

The State Surcharge was publicly noticed in the California Regulatory Notice Register (Z-Register) for a 30 day comment period beginning May 25, 2012, and Cal/EPA held a public workshop on June 14, 2012. No comments were received during the comment period and the workshop attendees made no suggestions for change. Cal/EPA has amended the state surcharge to those shown below. Certified Unified Program Agencies will be responsible for collecting the new Surcharge as part of their Single Fee System effective on publishing in the Z-Register, expected to be July 13, 2012.

State Surcharge

For fiscal year 2012/13 forward, the State Surcharge is set as follows:

Oversight	\$ 35.00 (reduced from \$49.00)
Underground Storage Tank	\$ 15.00 (unchanged)
California Accidental Release Prevention Program	\$270.00 (unchanged)

Department of Toxic Substances Control – None

State Water Resources Control Board – None

California Emergency Management Services - None

Office of State Fire Marshal - None