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### California Environmental Protection Agency

#### **Rural Underground Storage Tank (UST) Leak Prevention Grant Extension**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has amended the Unified Program's UST Grant for another year. The current grant, which was to expire on June 30, 2013, has been extended to June 30, 2014. This no cost amendment will allow grant recipients time to complete the terms of the current agreement. All agreement expiration dates have been extended.

#### **New Rural Underground Storage Tank (UST) Leak Prevention Grant Opportunity**

We are pleased to announce that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has agreed to provide support for another UST Grant to continue improvements on the underground storage tanks regulatory program. This will be a two-year grant. More information on project periods, available funds and application deadlines will be sent this fall.

#### **Rural Reimbursement Grant**

The Rural Reimbursement Grant will be available to eligible CUPAs again this year. Applications are expected to be sent by August 1, 2013 to eligible CUPAs. The maximum grant amount will be \$60,000.

### **E-Plan to Remain Active**

The University of Texas at Dallas announced this week that the web based E-Plan emergency response program will remain active and supported by the University. To continue to pay for this critical system in the absence of federal funding, they will institute an administrative fee for facilities that upload their Tier II data to E-Plan in those states that require filing via E-Plan. California has its own filing system, the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) that exchanges data to E-Plan on all facilities with chemical inventories. CERS is fully active and contains over 140,000 facilities. Cal/EPA and the CUPA Forum are continuing to evaluate the use of E-Plan and other tools to provide critical first responder information to response agencies statewide.

### **Department of Toxic Substances Control - None**

### **State Water Resources Control Board**

#### **Abandoned Underground Storage Tank Initiative Summary Report Published**

The Abandoned Underground Storage Tank (UST) Initiative was prepared as part of the Cooperative Agreement LS-97952501-4 between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 and the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). The summary report for the initiative was published on April 29, 2013 and can be found at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/docs/ab\\_ust\\_initsumrpt.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/docs/ab_ust_initsumrpt.pdf).

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#### **International Code Council (ICC) Exam Reference Books**

As of July 1, 2013, reference books for the ICC California Underground Storage Tank (UST) Inspector (UI) and System Operator (UC) exams will no longer be available at the testing centers. The UI and UC exams will continue to be open-book, but it will be the responsibility of the test takers to bring their own reference books. Please note that only the official and current versions of the ICC California UST Examination References, PEI/RP500, PEI/RP900, and PEI/RP1200 will be allowed into the examination room. Reproductions or out of date publications will not be allowed. For more information on what is allowed into the testing center, please see the ICC UST/AST Examination Information Bulletin at [http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Bulletins/UST-AST\\_EIB.pdf](http://www.iccsafe.org/Accreditation/Bulletins/UST-AST_EIB.pdf).

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#### **Propel Statewide UST Installation Standard**

Propel Inc., made a request of the California Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the Secretary, pursuant to the California Public Resources Code Section 71000 et seq., for assistance in obtaining consistent statewide review of its plans for compliance with the installation of underground storage tanks and piping systems.

To meet the intent of this state law, in providing an efficient permitting process which assists Propel and Unified Program Agencies in complying with environmental quality laws in an expedited fashion, Cal/EPA Unified Program Guidance Letter 13-06 has been issued. The Guidance Letter, dated June 28, 2013, can be found at <http://calepa.ca.gov/cupa/bulletins/>.

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#### **Renewable Diesel**

A letter was distributed on May 30, 2013, regarding the storage of renewable diesel in underground storage tanks (USTs). It discusses the requirements that must be met prior to storing fuels in USTs, and suggests specific actions that the renewable diesel industry should take to facilitate the completion of the necessary compatibility and leak detection testing, so that renewable diesel blends can be routinely stored in USTs in California. The letter also outlines the actions that State Water Board staff will take to assist industry. The mentioned letter can be found at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/docs/skmbt\\_c36013053014130.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/docs/skmbt_c36013053014130.pdf).

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### **EVR Systems**

A new Enhanced Vapor Recovery (EVR) Determination has been posted for the Franklin Fueling Defender Series Spill Containers (double and single walled). Determination Letters for the EVR Systems can be found at [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak\\_prevention/evr\\_determination\\_letters.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/evr_determination_letters.shtml).

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### **Office of Emergency Services – Cal OES (formerly Cal EMA)**

#### **New Manager**

The California Emergency Management Agency Unified Program staff welcomes our new manager, Chief Thomas Campbell.

#### **Name Change**

Effective July 1, 2013, the “California Emergency Management Agency” has been renamed the “Governor’s Office of Emergency Services”. This change reflects a return to the Governor’s staff from being an independent agency.

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

#### **Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA)**

The surcharge workgroup has agreed on a surcharge rate for APSA-regulated facilities. The next surcharge workgroup meeting will be via teleconference on July 2, 2013.

The regulations workgroup met via teleconference on June 3, 2013, for an initial brainstorming session on APSA regulations. The next regulations workgroup will meet on July 8, 2013.

The next APSA advisory committee meeting will be on July 11, 2013. For more information, please contact Jennifer Lorenzo at (916) 324-0232 or [Jennifer.Lorenzo@fire.ca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Lorenzo@fire.ca.gov).

#### **California Fire Code**

The 2013 California Fire Code has been adopted and will become effective January 1, 2014. The electronic version of the 2013 edition will be viewable online shortly after the July 1 publication date. For additional information, visit the California Building Standards Commission website at <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/codes.aspx>.