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ANNOUNCEMENT: 2016 CUPA Conference – Free Student Day and Student Scholarship Funds for Research Project

Every year, the California CUPA Forum, with our partner State agencies, hosts the annual CUPA Training Conference. Our 2016 training conference will be held in at the Marriott, Anaheim in Orange County, California from February 22 through 25. Last year, we had 1,678 participants attend the conference. The California CUPA Forum represents local agencies certified by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) as Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs). Our member agencies regulate facilities with hazardous materials, hazardous waste, aboveground storage tanks and underground storage tanks throughout the State.

The CUPA Conference Student Committee would like to extend an invitation to all students who may be interested in a career path in the field of hazardous materials to attend the conference's **Free Student Day**. We are also excited to announce that in addition to Free Student Day, the California CUPA Forum will also be sponsoring four **scholarships for a CUPA Scholarship Project**.

Four student scholarships are being offered in the amount of \$2,000 for 1st place, \$1,500 2nd place, \$1,000 3rd place and \$500 for 4th place. In addition a free “Student Day” is being offered for students to attend a professional conference at our expense.

The application and information about the CUPA Scholarship Project is available at www.calcupa.org and can be distributed to interested students. This opportunity is open to both undergraduate and graduate candidates. We hope your students will be interested and take the opportunity to experience

a conference where they can meet and interact with professionals currently employed in the hazardous materials regulatory programs. **Research Project applications are due 2/1, student day due 2/1/16 or until full.**

In addition, we are offering a **free “university/college” booth** to be shared with other interested institutions for you to bring pamphlets or information relative to educational opportunities for our members. If you desire, for a fee, you may also purchase your own booth at www.calcupa.org. Please let us know if you are interested.

For further information, please visit our website at www.calcupa.org or contact Sheryl Baldwin, Conference Manager at Sheryl@calcupa.org or Michele Cowdery at michele@calcupa.org.

CalEPA Environmental Justice Small Grant Pre-Application Assistance

The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) Environmental Justice (EJ) Small Grants are available to help eligible non-profit community groups/organizations and federally recognized Tribal governments address EJ issues in areas disproportionately affected by environmental pollution and hazards. The EJ Small Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. *Applications are accepted through January 22, 2016.*

A minimum \$1 million in grant funds is available for the 2016 grant cycle. The maximum amount of a grant provided is \$50,000. The grant term will be 12 months.

Applicants are invited to participate in conference calls with CalEPA to address questions about the EJ Small Grants Program and the 2016 Grant Cycle solicitation. CalEPA staff will respond to questions from individual applicants regarding threshold eligibility criteria, administrative issues related to the submission of the proposal, and requests for clarification.

Interested persons may access the pre-application assistance conference calls as follows:

Date	Time (Pacific Standard)	Toll Free Phone Number	Participant Passcode
Thursday January 14, 2016	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	1-888-324-4311	7968005

CalEPA staff will not meet with individual applicants to discuss draft proposals, provide informal comments on draft proposals, or provide advice to applicants on how to respond to ranking criteria.

Eligible applicants are limited to non-profit entities or federally recognized Tribal governments. A “non-profit entity” is defined as any corporation, trust, association, cooperative, or other organization that meets all of the following criteria:

1. Operates primarily for scientific, educational, service, charitable, or other similar purposes in the public interest.
2. Not organized primarily for profit.
3. Uses its net proceeds to maintain, improve, or expand, or any combination thereof, its operations.
4. Is a tax-exempt organization under federal Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), or is able to provide evidence that the State of California recognizes the organization as a non-profit entity.

Individuals and organizations that are tax exempt under federal Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(4) are not eligible to apply for this funding.

For more information or to download an application, please visit:
<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/Funding/>.

Phase 1 of CalEnviroView: Completed August 2015

In August 2015, CalEPA successfully implemented Phase 1 of the Unified Program Open Data Exchange System, CalEnviroView. Funded through National Environmental Information Exchange Network (NEIEN) grants, Phase 1 of CalEnviroView uses a geospatial discovery tool, called nSite, to provide a single integrated view of multiple environmental interests at facilities and sites by collecting data from various existing data systems from different organizations including:

- National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES): State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), California Integrated Water Quality System (CIWQS)
- Toxic Release Inventory System (TRIS): US EPA
- Onsite Hazmat and Hazwaste storage, onsite hazwaste treatment, underground and aboveground storage, large quantity hazwaste generators, and accidental release prevention: Unified Program California Environmental Reporting System (CERS)
- Hazwaste cleanup sites: Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) EnviroStor
- Leaking underground storage tank cleanup: SWRCB GeoTracker

Information pulled from these different data systems will refresh daily in CalEnviroView to provide timely geographic information of over 250,000 sites and facilities for the analysis of environmental interests, such as: border zone/hazardous waste evaluation, corrective action, Federal superfund, historical, military evaluation, school cleanup, tiered permit and voluntary cleanup. Additionally, CalEnviroView can support the analysis and research of environmental use cases relating to environmental justice screening results, fault lines and ground water basins. CalEnviroView geospatial layers along with facility information give environmental professionals the ability to examine data sources that can potentially aid in the tracking and linking of hazards with further research.

Scheduled to begin early 2016, Phase 2 of CalEnviroView will focus on making information available to the general public and environmental professionals, which will allow users the ability to extract environmental interest and compliance data for analysis and research. Also, Phase 2 plans include improving facility profiles to include hazardous chemical storage information from CERS data.

Reminder: Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) Data must be entered into CERS

Starting fiscal year 2014/2015, CME data must be submitted electronically within 30 days of each completed quarter [CCR Title 27, Division 1, Subdivision 4, §15290(b)]. Submittal deadlines are listed below:

Fiscal Year Quarterly CME Action Occurs (including updates)	Deadline for Electronic Submittal Of Quarterly CME Data
July 1 – September 30	October 30
October 1 – December 31	January 30
January 1 – March 31	April 30
April 1 – June 30	July 30

As of August 1, 2014, CUPAs are evaluated on quarterly CME electronic reporting requirements for inspection and enforcement activities occurring on or after July 1, 2013.

All CME data must include the complete detail record fields identified in the CERS Regulator Portal (<http://cers.calepa.ca.gov/>) and defined in the Unified Program Data Dictionary (www.calepa.ca.gov/LawsRegs/Regulations/T27/DataDict.pdf).

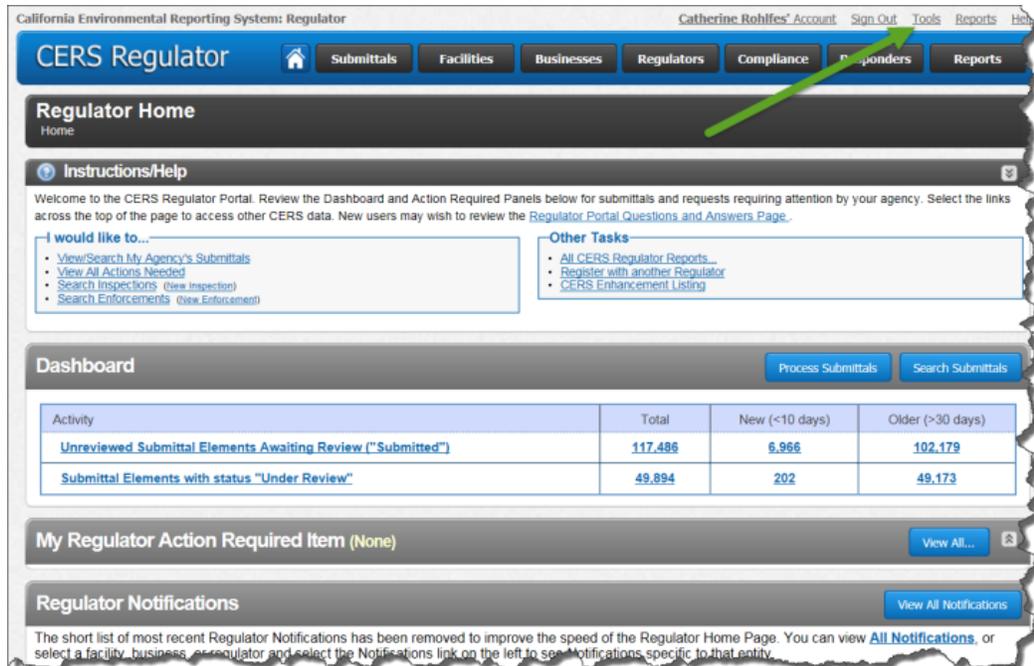
For more information, please refer to Unified Program Guidance Letter 14-02 (<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/Bulletins/2014/Jan17.pdf>).

CERS Tips and Tricks

CERS Tips and Tricks include helpful explanations and resolutions regarding current issues recently received by the CERS Technical Support Team (CTST). If you have questions or concerns, please contact the CTST at cers@calepa.ca.gov.

How to Look Up CERS User Account Information: A Regulator User can search a CERS business or regulator user account to review the user's account associations (business/agency name), sign-in history and general account information. Here's how:

1. From the CERS Regulator Portal "Home" page, select the "Tools" link, located in the upper right-hand corner.



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Regulator Home
Home

Instructions/Help

Welcome to the CERS Regulator Portal. Review the Dashboard and Action Required Panels below for submittals and requests requiring attention by your agency. Select the links across the top of the page to access other CERS data. New users may wish to review the [Regulator Portal Questions and Answers Page](#).

I would like to...

- View/Search My Agency's Submittals
- View All Actions Needed
- Search Inspections (View Inspection)
- Search Enforcements (View Enforcement)

Other Tasks

- All CERS Regulator Reports...
- Register with another Regulator
- CERS Enhancement Listing

Dashboard Process Submittals Search Submittals

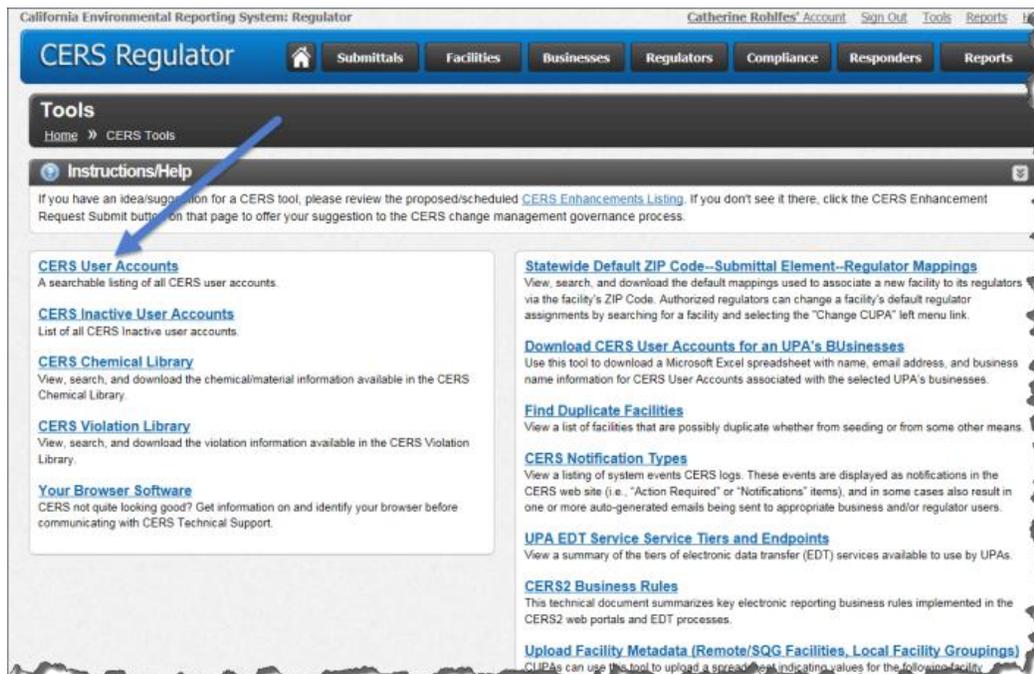
Activity	Total	New (<10 days)	Older (>30 days)
Unreviewed Submittal Elements Awaiting Review ("Submitted")	117,486	6,966	102,179
Submittal Elements with status "Under Review"	49,894	202	49,173

My Regulator Action Required Item (None) View All...

Regulator Notifications View All Notifications

The short list of most recent Regulator Notifications has been removed to improve the speed of the Regulator Home Page. You can view [All Notifications](#), or select a facility, business, or regulator and select the Notifications link on the left to see Notifications specific to that entity.

2. Select the "CERS User Accounts" link.



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Tools
Home » CERS Tools

Instructions/Help

If you have an idea/suggestion for a CERS tool, please review the proposed/scheduled [CERS Enhancements Listing](#). If you don't see it there, click the CERS Enhancement Request Submit button on that page to offer your suggestion to the CERS change management governance process.

[CERS User Accounts](#)
A searchable listing of all CERS user accounts.

[CERS Inactive User Accounts](#)
List of all CERS Inactive user accounts.

[CERS Chemical Library](#)
View, search, and download the chemical/material information available in the CERS Chemical Library.

[CERS Violation Library](#)
View, search, and download the violation information available in the CERS Violation Library.

[Your Browser Software](#)
CERS not quite looking good? Get information on and identify your browser before communicating with CERS Technical Support.

[Statewide Default ZIP Code--Submittal Element--Regulator Mappings](#)
View, search, and download the default mappings used to associate a new facility to its regulators via the facility's ZIP Code. Authorized regulators can change a facility's default regulator assignments by searching for a facility and selecting the "Change CUPA" left menu link.

[Download CERS User Accounts for an UPA's BUSINESSES](#)
Use this tool to download a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet with name, email address, and business name information for CERS User Accounts associated with the selected UPA's businesses.

[Find Duplicate Facilities](#)
View a list of facilities that are possibly duplicate whether from seeding or from some other means.

[CERS Notification Types](#)
View a listing of system events CERS logs. These events are displayed as notifications in the CERS web site (i.e. "Action Required" or "Notifications" items), and in some cases also result in one or more auto-generated emails being sent to appropriate business and/or regulator users.

[UPA EDT Service Service Tiers and Endpoints](#)
View a summary of the tiers of electronic data transfer (EDT) services available to use by UPAs.

[CERS2 Business Rules](#)
This technical document summarizes key electronic reporting business rules implemented in the CERS2 web portals and EDT processes.

[Upload Facility Metadata \(Remote/SQG Facilities, Local Facility Groupings\)](#)
UPAs can use this tool to upload a spreadsheet indicating values for the following facility...

3. Enter the User's First and Last name.

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Account Search
Home > Tools > Account Search

Search

User Name First Name Cathie Last Name Rohlfes
Email Activated? All Disabled All
Service Account All Locked Out All Search

Enter your search criteria above and select the Search button

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State Water Resources Control Board

\$2.4 Million Judgment Against the Los Angeles World Airports

The State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board's) Office of Enforcement has reached a \$2.4 million settlement with the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) for violating leak prevention requirements for hazardous substances in underground storage tanks (USTs) located in the Los Angeles City Fire certified unified program agency (CUPA) jurisdiction at the Los Angeles International Airport, LA/Ontario International Airport, and the Van Nuys Airport.

The investigation began in 2011 under the Government Owned and/or Operated Tanks (GOT) Initiative. The alleged violations included failure to monitor tanks and product piping, late testing of monitoring equipment, failure to install secondary containment, and the discovery of three unpermitted and unmonitored USTs.

Under the terms of the settlement, LAWA will pay \$1.2 million in civil penalties, \$100,000 for reimbursement of enforcement costs, and \$1.1 million will be suspended on the condition that LAWA complete several environmental improvements at their facilities and maintain compliance with UST requirements for five years.

For more information on this and other Office of Enforcement judgments, visit their complaints, judgments, disciplinary actions, and new releases website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/enforcement/orders_actions.shtml.

SB612 Amends the Definition of "Tank in an Underground Area"

On October 2, 2015, the Governor signed Senate Bill 612 (Stats. 2015, Ch. 452) authored by Senate Member Jackson. SB 612, in addition to other changes, amends the definition of a "tank in an underground area." "Tanks in underground areas" are regulated as aboveground storage tanks (ASTs). A letter with flowcharts notifying CUPAs and other interested parties of the UST provisions in SB 612, effective January 1, 2016, was sent out via Lyris on December 7, 2015. Some of the provisions, however, do not take effect until the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) adopts and makes effective AST regulations. Consequently the current definition of a "tank in an underground area" will change on January 1, 2016 to only include tank systems storing petroleum to be used or previously used as a lubricant or coolant in a motor engine, transmission, or oil-filled operational/manufacturing equipment (i.e. oil change facilities). The definition will expand to include

tank systems storing petroleum and petroleum hazardous waste after the regulations that apply to “tanks in underground areas,” adopted by OSFM, become effective. The letter from the State Water Board, along with the flow charts, can be found at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/tech_notices/docs/sb612_20151204.pdf.

The complete text of SB612 can be found at: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB612.

Please contact Cory Hootman at cory.hootman@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 341-5668 for further information.

New CERS FAQs on UST Tank ID Numbers

Two new FAQs have been posted on the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) website. The first FAQ, titled, “Can or Should I Change a UST Tank ID Number” is located in the Business User FAQs and instructs UST owners and operators that they should not change their UST ID numbers. The second FAQ is located in the Regulator FAQs and instructs UST regulators not to accept submittals where the UST owner or operator has changed the UST ID numbers. The reason UST ID numbers should not be changed is that the CERS program will create a new UST in the system when a UST ID number is changed, rather than simply changing the current UST’s number. This will cause the facility to report more USTs than it actually has, and there is currently no good way to undo the change. You can find the FAQs on the CERS help pages at <http://cers.calepa.ca.gov/help-faq's>, or find the links on the State Water Board’s CERS FAQ page at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/cers/faqs.shtml.

Please contact Gabriel Herrera at gabriel.herrera@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 319-9128 if you have any questions.

End of July – December Reporting Period: Report 6 due March 1

The July – December 2015 reporting period is over and the State Water Board will send out the Report 6 form and instructions shortly. All CUPAs must submit Report 6 data to the State Water Board in a timely manner, but no later than March 1, 2016. Except for a small handful of CUPAs that have been approved for paperless reporting, all CUPAs must still submit the “paper” Report 6. Those CUPAs 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 March 1 deadline. To request paperless reporting for the next reporting period, see the “Underground Storage Tank Report 6 Paperless Reporting Requirements” document found at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/adm_notices/soc_paperless111615.pdf.

Please contact Gabriel Herrera at gabriel.herrera@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 319-9128 if you have any questions with semi-annual UST reporting, the Report 6 form, or paperless reporting.

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Tanks in Underground Areas

[Senate Bill \(SB\) 612 \(Jackson, Ch. 452, Stats. of 2015\)](#) amended the definition of a “tank in an underground area.” Under the Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA), aboveground storage tanks now include tanks in underground areas if certain conditions are met. Facilities with less than 1,320 gallons of petroleum are also regulated under APSA if it has one or more tanks in an underground area; in this case, only the tanks in an underground area are subject to APSA. Effective January 1, 2016, facilities now regulated under APSA should prepare and implement a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan, annually submit a tank facility statement or a Hazardous Materials Business Plan into CERS, and pay the APSA state surcharge. For more information, guidance may be found on the Office of the State Fire Marshal APSA website at <http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/cupa/apsa>.

Aboveground Storage Tank Facility Statements

A facility that is regulated under APSA is required to file an annual tank facility statement into CERS. However, if the facility owner or operator submits an annual hazardous materials business plan to CERS and complies with the business plan program, then the facility owner or operator satisfies the annual tank facility statement requirement.

Federal facilities and residences, other than single family homes with aboveground heating oil tanks, are not required to submit a hazardous materials business plan but may be required to submit annual tank facility statements.

Effective January 1, 2016, SB 612 amended the tank facility statement to only require the following:

- a. Name and address of the tank facility,
- b. A contact person for the tank facility,
- c. The total storage capacity of the tank facility, and
- d. The location and contents of each petroleum storage tank that exceeds 10,000 gallons in storage capacity.

APSA State Surcharge

Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPA) are responsible for assessing and collecting the APSA state surcharge. Facilities now subject to APSA due to SB 612 must pay the APSA state surcharge to their CUPA. This includes facilities with a tank in an underground area that contains petroleum to be used or previously used as a lubricant or coolant in motor engines, transmissions, or oil-filled operational or manufacturing equipment. Farm facilities that are now excluded from APSA due to SB 612 do not have to pay the APSA state surcharge. Farm facilities conditionally exempt from preparing the SPCC plan under APSA are still subject to the state surcharge unless the CUPA does not assess any single fees on the tank facility.