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## Unified Program Newsletter February 2014

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### California Environmental Protection Agency

#### **John Paine Named as Unified Program Manager**

John Paine, the supervisor of the Environmental Scientists in CalEPA's Unified Program and long time staff in the program itself, has been promoted effective January 31 to the position of Unified Program Manager. John has a 20 year history of working at the business, local government and state government levels in the Unified Program, the last 13 years at CalEPA. For the past 3 years he has been part of the team that manages the day-to-day administration and implementation of the program, developing many of the policies that are now in place.

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#### **2014 Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Evaluation Schedule**

The 2014 CUPA Evaluation Schedule has been posted:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/Evaluations/Schedule.htm>

#### **Revisions to Unified Program Webpages**

Many Unified Program CUPA webpages are in the process of being updated and revised to ensure information contained within each page is accurate.

#### **Unified Program (UP) Guidance Letters**

The following Guidance Letters were released in January and are available on the Unified Program Bulletins webpage: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/Bulletins/>

- UP-14-01 Onsite Maintenance of Hardcopy Business Plan**  
 Handlers are required to submit a business plan electronically. There are no state statutory or regulatory requirements for a handler to maintain a hardcopy of a business plan onsite. A Unified Program Agency (UPA) may not require a handler to maintain a hardcopy of the business plan onsite, unless it is otherwise required by a local law or ordinance.
- UP-14-02: CME Reporting, Electronic Submittal for FY 13-14**  
 Compliance monitoring, inspection, violation and enforcement (CME) data must be submitted by UPAs electronically to CalEPA within 30 days of each completed fiscal year quarter. CME data for all quarters of fiscal year 2013-2014 must be submitted electronically to CalEPA by July 30, 2014.

**Department of Toxic Substances Control - None**

**State Water Resources Control Board**

**CUPA Semi-Annual Reporting (Report 6)**

In consultation with CalEPA and until further notice, it has been determined that Unified Program Agencies (UPAs) must continue to submit the “paper” version of Report 6 to the State Water Board until all necessary UST data can be inputted by businesses, the UPAs, and until CERS can accurately and correctly report this information. Both the State Water Board and CalEPA are diligently working with contractors to develop the tools necessary for capturing the Report 6 criteria within CERS. It is expected that this “paper version” of Report 6 will be needed through the September 2015 reporting period.

**UST Leak Prevention – CERS Coordinator**

The State Water Board UST Program is pleased to announce that Dan Firth is now working for the State Water Board on CERS related activities. Dan will be the point of contact at the State Water Board for managing the various UST improvements to CERS. Any glitches, changes, or suggested improvements should be directed to Dan for compilation. Dan will work with prioritizing those items with UST Staff and Cal EPA. It is our hope that with one point of contact and one channel of communication that we can better meet everyone’s needs. For simplicity Dan will continue to use his CalEPA email and phone number, and can be reached at 916-445-5049 or [daniel.firth@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:daniel.firth@calepa.ca.gov).

**California Office of Emergency Services - None**

**Cal Fire-Office of State Fire Marshal**

**Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA)**

The APSA Regulations Workgroup will next meet on February 6, 2014, from 8-10 am at the CUPA Conference in Burlingame. The regulations subgroups continue to propose language for the regulations.

Subgroup	Chairs	Tentative Schedule of Meetings
A - Administration, Definitions, Applicability	Carolyn Brown & Jeremy Gates (Riverside County CUPA)	February 14, 2014
B - General & Specific Provisions	Sande Pence (San Diego County CUPA)	To be determined
C - UPA inspection/training, enforcement, cleanup or abatement, etc.	Michelle Le (PG&E)	No further meetings needed. Subgroup tasks have been completed.
Tanks in Underground Areas	Jennifer Lorenzo (OSFM)	To be determined

The APSA Advisory Committee last met on January 23, 2014, and will next meet in Sacramento on April 10, 2014. Committee meeting notices and minutes are posted on CAL FIRE – OSFM's advisory committee website at [http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/advisorycommittees/advisorycommittees\\_apsa.php](http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/advisorycommittees/advisorycommittees_apsa.php). For more information please contact Jennifer Lorenzo at (916) 324-0332 or [Jennifer.Lorenzo@fire.ca.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Lorenzo@fire.ca.gov).

**California Fire Code**

The 2013 Edition of the California Fire Code is now in effect. All parts of the 2013 triennial edition of the California Building Standards Code (Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations), including the California Fire Code (Part 9), may now be viewed online at <http://www.bsc.ca.gov/codes.aspx> (click on the 2013 triennial edition).