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California Environmental Protection Agency

Scholarship to the Introduction to Environmental Enforcement Class

Cal/EPA and the Western States Project (WSP) are offering scholarships to the "Introduction to Environmental Enforcement" class. The training will be held in Sacramento March 8-10, 2011. You must apply to Cal/EPA by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 14, 2011.

For other details, please go to <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Enforcement/Grants/>

Inspector Series Webinar

EPA's National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI) invites you to attend an Inspector Series webinar:

Title: Field Sampling Techniques Refresher for Inspectors

Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Time: 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. EST

Space is limited. Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/376701105>

Description: This webinar discusses environmental sampling techniques for Inspectors.

This webinar will offer a brief overview of field sampling: basic procedures, new field equipment, collection techniques and sampling in support of civil and/or criminal investigations. This webinar is intended for Federal, State or local government inspectors who are responsible for taking samples in the field.

Presentations will be offered by Paul J. Novak, Jr., Geologist, Larry J. Lins, Environmental Protection Specialist, and Cher Salley, Geologist, all from the EPA's Region 5 Cleveland Office. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

System Requirements

PC-based attendees

Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Macintosh®-based attendees

Required: Mac OS® X 10.4.11 (Tiger®) or newer

Questions? Contact Daniel Couturier with EPA at (202) 564-4612

DTSC – None

State Water Resources Control Board

Variance no Longer Required for the Storage of Biodiesel Blends up to B5

Biodiesel blends up to 5 percent, which conforms to ASTM Fuel Standard D975, have met both the independent testing organization and leak detection evaluation requirements outlined in Title 23, California Code of Regulations (CCR). Therefore effective immediately, the issuance of a regulatory variance for the storage of biodiesel blends up to B5 is no longer necessary. Please note, however, that all UST permitting and regulations for diesel apply equally to B5. Biodiesel blends above B5 still require the variance for both the independent testing organization and leak detection approvals in accordance with Title 23, CCR Section 2631.2.

UST Program Contact: Laura Fisher at lfisher@waterboards.ca.gov or (916) 341- 5870.

NWGLDE new definitions for “Gasohol” and “Diesel”

The National Workgroup on Leak Detection Evaluations (NWGLDE) updated the “List of Leak Detection Evaluation for Storage Tank Systems” to include definitions of “gasohol” and “diesel.” Gasohol: A blend of finished motor gasoline containing alcohol (generally ethanol but sometimes methanol) at a concentration between 5.7 percent and nominal 10 percent by volume; also referred to as “E 10” when the ethanol component is a nominal 10 percent of the blend. Diesel or Diesel Fuel: Middle petroleum distillate fuel that may contain up to 5 percent biodiesel in accordance with ASTM standard D975.

LG 113 also now identifies these fuels. Where “Gasohol” is noted, the equipment is applicable for gasoline with ethanol blends up to 10%. Where “Diesel” is noted; the equipment is applicable for biodiesel blend up to 5%. LG113 can be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/leak_prevention/lg113/index.shtml

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CUPA Conference ICC UST Inspector Contact Hours

We encourage inspectors to make every effort to utilize the CUPA Forum Board’s new personalized certification service to receive credit for qualifying courses you attend at the CUPA Conference. State Water Board staff will be available to sign the California UST Inspector Contact Hour Verification Form if necessary; however this activity will detract from time spent on technical and regulatory issues. To receive contact hours, all UST inspectors who attend the conference have the responsibility to:

- properly register for the conference
- have your name badges scanned when entering each qualifying course
- follow up to make sure you receive a certificate for each qualifying course you attended during the conference

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Semi-Annual Reporting to USEPA

Under the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Energy Act), the State Water Board is required to submit a semi-annual report on UST and LUST performance measures to USEPA. UST Program staff enters the required data online to a nationwide reporting system that USEPA headquarters manages. This report includes data on the number of operating UST facilities and tanks and facility inspections that CUPAs and PAs have conducted during the reporting period. With respect to LUST sites, the report includes the number of new releases discovered, summary information on the source and cause of these releases, and how many cases had cleanup initiated or completed in the last six months. Please refer to the following website to view the latest semi-annual report:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/leak_prevention/public_record_sum_info.shtml .

The Public Record provisions of the Energy Act also require each state to make site-specific records available to the public via a website. The State Water Board complies with the requirement for operating UST facilities by posting the summary data submitted by CUPA and PA, and by referring members of the public to the CUPA/PA directory to contact the agencies directly for details on individual facilities. Please refer to the following website to view the latest CUPA/PA-specific summary data for operating and closed UST facilities:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/leak_prevention/docs/qtrlydata/cupa_jan_jun10.xls

For LUST site-specific information, the link: <http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>

Report 6 and biodiesel variance Semi-Annual Reporting

The Report 6 and Biodiesel Variance forms have been sent out via email for the July – December 2010 reporting period. The reports are to be completed and returned by March 1, 2011. If you did not receive your report forms please let Terry Snyder at tsnyder@waterboards.ca.gov know ASAP.

California Emergency Management Agency - None

Office of the State Fire Marshal

California Fire Code

The 2010 California Fire Code (California Code of Regulations, title 24, part 9) is now available for purchase from International Code Council. Visit their Web site at <http://www.iccsafe.org/Store/Pages/default.aspx>.