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CalEPA has Withdrawn the City of Oakland Fire Department's Certification as a Certified Unified Program Agency

On November 5, 2014, CalEPA issued a Notice of Intent to withdraw the City of Oakland Fire Department's certification as a Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA). The Notice of Intent required the City of Oakland Fire Department CUPA to correct all program deficiencies by January 5, 2015. The City of Oakland Fire Department CUPA did not respond to the Notice of Intent nor did they correct all program deficiencies. Therefore, on January 5, 2015, CalEPA issued a notice to the City of Oakland officially withdrawing their Certification as a CUPA effective January 30, 2015. CalEPA has also officially designated the Alameda County Environmental Health Department as the CUPA for the City of Oakland jurisdiction, also effective January 30, 2015. A transition plan will be finalized to guide the transfer of implementing the Unified Program within the City of Oakland.

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, Section 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

Beginning August 1, 2014, CUPAs will be evaluated on quarterly CME electronic reporting requirements

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. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the CERS Technical Support Team at cers@calepa.ca.gov.

Various columns in CERS can be sorted to list documents and information in an order dependent upon the type of information contained in each column. Information can be sorted in ascending or descending order by column header titles or more extensively by using the filter icon (▼).

To sort information in any column by header title:

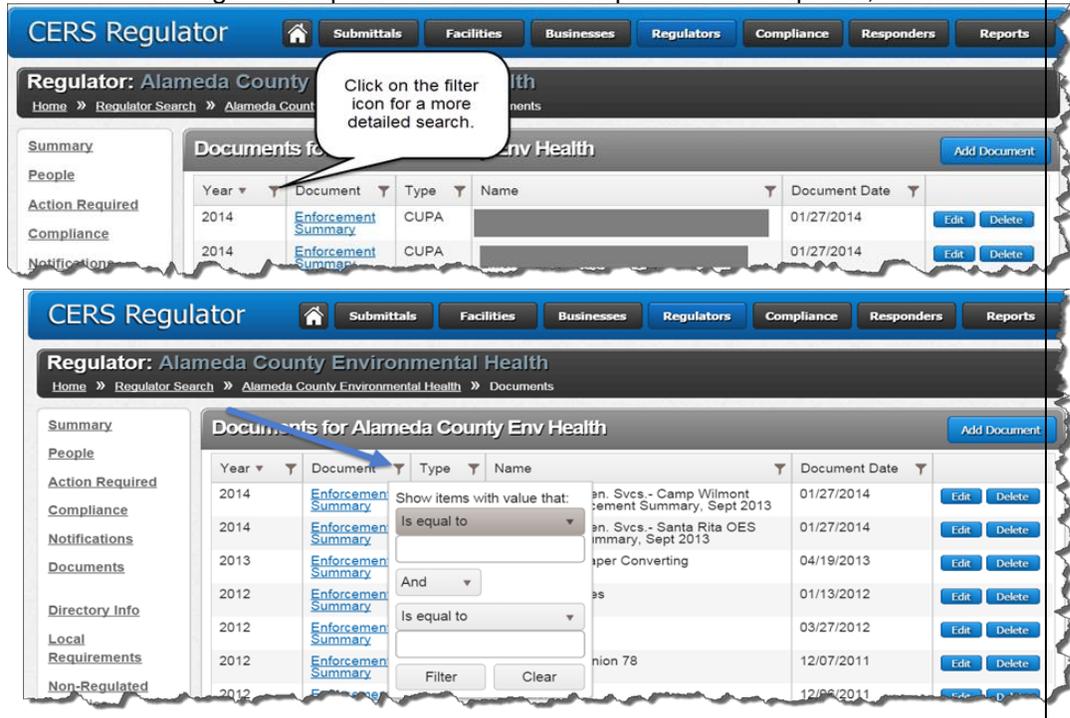
- Click on the header title.
- Depending on the type of data in the field, the column will automatically sort by date or alphabetically.
- The order of data can be changed from ascending to descending with each click on the column header title.



The screenshot shows the 'CERS Regulator' interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Submittals, Facilities, Businesses, Regulators, Compliance, Responders, and Reports. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: Home » Regulatory Environmental Health » Documents. The main content area displays a table titled 'Enforcement Summaries for Alameda County Env Health'. The table has columns: Year, Document, Type, Name, and Document Date. Two rows of data are visible, both for the year 2014, with document titles 'Enforcement Summary' and 'Enforcement Summary', and dates '01/27/2014'. Each row has 'Edit' and 'Delete' buttons. A callout box with a white background and black border points to the 'Year' column header, containing the text 'Click on the column header to sort the column'.

To sort information in any column with the filter icon (▼):

- Click on the filter icon (▼).
- Additional sorting parameters will appear.
- After establishing the sort parameters from the drop down menu options, click "Filter."



Look for other "CERS Tips and Tricks" in next month's Unified Program Newsletter.

CERS 2.0 Updates and Version History

The CalEPA Unified Program manages the CERS web application. A general summary for each build, or update, includes the most important and/or impactful features and fixes added to CERS. These summaries are arranged by release date and are available on CERS Central at:

<http://cers.calepa.ca.gov/announcements/cers-version-history>.

REMINDER: CERS Limited Availability, Regularly Scheduled Maintenance

CalEPA attempts to have CERS services available as much as possible, however services are not intended to be provided on a 24-hour-7-days a week basis. Limited availability to CERS Central and the Business and Regulator production portal services will occur as follows due to regularly scheduled maintenance:

- WEEKLY:**
- Each Friday, between noon and 1:30 p.m.
 - Each Sunday, between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.
 - *Exact time to be posted on CERS Business and Regulator Portal pages two hours in advance.*

- MONTHLY:**
- One Monday from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
 - *The selected Monday will vary from month to month.*
 - *Exact time to be posted on CERS Business and Regulator Portal pages two hours in advance.*
 - The third and/or fourth Sundays of each month from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

CalEPA requests that all users refrain from using CERS services during all regularly scheduled maintenance times.

Please refer to the CERS Availability Policy (<http://cers.calepa.ca.gov/policy/availability>) for more information.

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Announces Appointment of Hazardous Waste Management Program Deputy Director on December 15, 2014

On December 15, 2014, Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. announced the appointment of Ms. Elise Rothschild as deputy director of the Hazardous Waste Management Program at the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. Ms. Rothschild has served as chief at the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department, Environmental Compliance Division since 2010. She previously served as deputy chief from 2006 to 2010, and was a supervising environmental specialist in the Hazardous Materials Division from 2000 to 2006. She served as a hazardous materials specialist from 1987 to 2000. She is a member of the board of Directors for the California Certified Unified Program Agencies Forum and the Bridges Professional Treatment Services Inc. She is also a member of the California Hazardous Materials Investigators Association. For additional information, please visit: <http://gov.ca.gov/news.php?id=18809>.

State Water Resources Control Board - None

California Office of Emergency Services - None

CAL FIRE - Office of State Fire Marshal

Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA) Program Meetings

Group	Next Meeting Date
APSA Regulations Workgroup	TBA
Tanks in Underground Areas	January 16, 2015
APSA Advisory Committee	January 20, 2015

California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) Tips

CERS Business Portal Help Materials now include the topics: Aboveground Petroleum Tank Reporting Requirements and Obsolete Fire Hazard Categories. The Aboveground Petroleum Tank Reporting Requirements document helps facilities determine if they need to submit an Aboveground Storage Tank Facility Statement to fulfill the APSA program's reporting requirement. The Obsolete Fire Hazard Categories document identifies a list of fire hazard categories that are no longer valid with the current version of the California Fire Code (CFC) 2013. Obsolete fire hazard categories will no longer be available for selection on CERS when preparing an inventory submittal. The help documents/FAQs can be found at <https://cersbusiness.calepa.ca.gov/Help>.