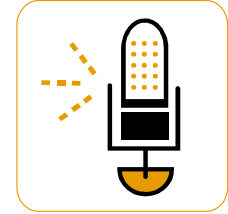


STANISLAUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES



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The UST Story – *ROBERT RIESS*

Underground storage tanks, (USTs), are no longer required to display an upgrade compliance blue sticker or attach an upgrade blue tag, to UST fill pipes. All tanks in this county have been upgraded to meet the 1998 requirements. The newest requirement in place authorizes local agencies to issue a red tag to UST systems having significant violations. The intent of the red tag is to prohibit deliveries until the violation has been corrected. A significant violation includes any violation that results in a tank release, impairs the ability to detect

a release, or is committed by a chronic, ongoing, or recalcitrant violator (where there is a pattern of neglect or disregard for the regulations). The CUPA will issue a notice of significant violation. If the violation is an imminent threat, the CUPA will immediately affix a red tag. If the violation is not an imminent threat, or is not corrected within seven days, the CUPA may affix the red tag to the fill tube of the system. Only the CUPA may remove the red tag. It is a violation for anyone other than the CUPA to remove, alter, modify or tamper with a

red tag. It is a violation to deposit petroleum into a UST system that has a red tag affixed to its fill pipe. The violation initiating the red tag, and unlawful delivery of fuel to a tagged tank are subject to enforcement including penalties (Health & Safety Code Chapter 6.7).

You can view the UST regulations on the internet at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov>.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION

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UST Installation Grant Program – *ROBERT RIESS*

Grant funds are available to small businesses for USTs installed on or after July 1, 2004 and are subject to the requirements of California Health and Safety Code Section 25290.1. To qualify as a small business, as defined in AB2955, the grant applicant is a business that employs fewer than 500 full-time employees, is independently owned and operated, and is not dominant in its field of operation. Grant funds are available up to \$30,000. Grant funds are available for the following:

- Costs associated with leak detection equipment used to monitor the UST's interstitial space. The maximum payment for this equipment is \$15,000
- Costs associated with UST system testing after installation to demonstrate that the UST is product tight. The maximum payment for this equipment is \$15,000.

Grants may be issued before or after UST installation. Please note that grants must be issued no later than 12 months

after the installed UST is placed into use. To ensure grants are issued within the allotted time frame, the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) must receive applications no later than 10 months after receiving a permit to operate from the local agency. Please contact the following for further information:

Eric Watkins (916) 323-9879
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Your inspector is a valuable resource and welcomes any questions or concerns you may have!



CUPA Inspections – What to Expect

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A typical CUPA inspection involves many different components that may or may not involve your facility:

SITE INSPECTION:

The inspector will conduct a walk through of your facility to observe the buildings, storage areas, work areas and safety equipment.

BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW:

The Hazardous Materials Business Plan, or site contingency plan, will be reviewed with you to ensure the information is

current and the chemical inventory is complete.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING

DOCUMENTATION:

Inspectors will review the written employee training records to determine if they meet the requirements needed for workers to become informed and the ability to perform their job professionally.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

DISPOSAL RECORDS:

Inspectors will want to see manifests, bills of lading, and any receipts that

document the proper disposal of all hazardous waste generated at your facility.

UST RECORDS:

Includes reviewing monitoring records and written procedures, testing certifications, maintenance records, and any unauthorized release.

Tips for Passing Your Inspection -

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Regulatory inspections are often a stressful or uncomfortable experience for businesses. Many times our inspections are done on an unannounced basis. The following tips will assist you with your inspection and compliance.

1. Make sure at least two people at your business know where your compliance paperwork is kept and can answer questions about your day-to-day operations.

2. Keep your environmental compliance paperwork in one or two files.
3. Organize your training plan, records, MSDSs, waste disposal records, emergency response plan, permits, underground tank records, etc.
4. Notify our Department **within 30 days** of changes in your facility status relative to chemical storage,

- waste generation or personnel changes that affect your emergency response/contingency plan and file appropriate changes if necessary.
5. Notify your inspector of any needed corrections that were noted on the inspection form.

CESQG FACTS

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What is the Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) Collection Program?

State and Federal laws require all businesses that generate or accumulate hazardous waste to comply with regulations for proper disposal of their waste. Generators of small quantities of hazardous waste may be conditionally exempt from many of the regulations if they deliver the waste to permitted collection sites. By introducing this program, Stanislaus County provides

small quantity generators with a *legal and affordable* solution to hazardous waste disposal.

Who Qualifies for the CESQG Program?

1. Your business must be within Stanislaus County.
2. You generate less than 220 pounds of total hazardous waste (i.e., paints, solvents, aerosol can, photographic chemicals, asbestos).

You generate less than 2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous chemicals (i.e., mercury or some lab chemicals).

How Do You Participate?

Once you have determined you are eligible to participate in the CESQG program, you need to fill out the CESQG application as accurately as possible. Generators must return the application to Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources for review. Please note that State law requires hazardous waste generators have an EPA ID# and therefore, you are required to provide your EPA ID# on the CESQG application. Only businesses that generate less than 27 gallons (220 lbs) per month of photographic waste are exempt from having an EPA ID#. Once your application is approved, you will receive a letter of approval with the County's ID#. Participation is by appointment only. For more information or to register for the program, please call the Department of

Environmental Resources at 209-525-6700. For information regarding an EPA ID#, you may call the Department of Toxic Substance Control at 800-618-6942 or log on to <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov> .

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