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2012 Annual CUPA Program Letter to Regulated Businesses

This is Alameda County Department of Environmental Health (ACDEH) fourth annual Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Program Letter. The purpose of this letter is to share information that may affect your facility in the CUPA program.

As of January 1, 2012, if your facility is in the Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMBP) Program, a complete / full plan or an annual update certificate is required to be submitted annually to ACDEH. By filing a complete / full HMBP every year, you will be providing us with up to date business information and chemical inventory for your facility. When using the annual update certificate, you are stating that the information from the previous complete/ full plan is still current and there have been no changes or you have minor changes (such as contact person change). This will ensure our records are current. In addition, the responding fire departments will receive the most up to date information in the event of an emergency. **The annual update certificate can only be used until January 1, 2013; then all reporting must be done using Cal EPA's CERS electronic reporting site.**

Online hazardous materials and underground storage tank reporting is coming!

By January 1, 2013 all businesses are required to report hazardous materials, hazardous waste, underground tank and aboveground tank related information electronically to CERS website (<https://cers.calepa.ca.gov/>). ACDEH will be holding workshops on how to use the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) to report facility information. The workshops will be provided in late 2012 and announcements for these workshops will be sent to each business when schedules have been confirmed. Please visit Alameda County Environmental Health's website at <http://www.acgov.org/aceh/index.htm> for further updates.

CUPA Surcharges: Beginning July 1, 2012, State's CERS surcharge will be eliminated; CUPA State surcharge for all regulated businesses will be changed from \$49.00 to \$35.00 every year.

Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tank (APST)

In January 1, 2008, Assembly Bill 1130 transferred the responsibility for the implementation, inspection, enforcement, and administration of APST from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to the local CUPA. ACDEH has begun inspecting above ground petroleum storage tanks at sites that meet the following: aboveground storage tanks (including 55 gallon drums) with an aggregate storage capacity of $\geq 1,320$ gallons of petroleum. APST sites are required to develop and/or implement a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan.

Disputes

We conduct numerous facility inspections every year for compliance with laws and regulations related to hazardous materials, hazardous waste and underground storage tanks. Sometimes there are differing opinions on the result of the findings. If you cannot resolve the issues with your inspector to your satisfaction we have a process for reconciliation. Our goal is to provide a fair and complete compliance program that is responsive to your situation without reducing the regulatory enforcement requirements.

Please feel free to contact us for more information or for suggestions that would improve our services for you. For more information, please contact your assigned Alameda County CUPA inspector or CUPA Program Manager, Susan Hugo at 510-567-6780. You can also find more information on our website (www.acgov.org/aceh/) or on the Cal/EPA website (www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/).