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Alameda County CUPA

2013 ANNUAL CUPA PROGRAM LETTER TO REGULATED BUSINESS

This is Alameda County Department of Environmental Health's (ACDEH) fifth 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

California Environmental Reporting System (CERS)

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) has established an electronic information management system known as the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS). All regulated facilities must report their HMBP, chemical inventory, and UST data electronically into the CERS database. Additionally, all regulated facilities will also need to upload their Emergency Response Plans and Procedures, and Site Diagrams to CERS.

CERS will benefit regulated facilities by simplifying the document submittal process, including new information submittals and updating existing information to the CUPA.

CERS will allow response agencies quick access to current data during emergency response activities.

ACDEH will be holding a CERS workshop on May 30, 2013 at our office to provide an overview of the California Environmental Reporting System for regulated businesses in our CUPA jurisdiction. Pre-registration for the workshop is required. More information on CERS, the workshop, and e-reporting can be found at Alameda County's website:

<https://www.acgov.org/aceh/hazard/index.htm>

and Cal EPA's website:

<http://cers.calepa.ca.gov/>.



Clean Water Program



In addition to the CUPA programs, ACDEH also implements the Clean Water Program (CWP) and the Waste Tire Program (WTP). The CWP for unincorporated Alameda County includes inspection of facilities for compliance with clean water regulations, and provides outreach and education of best management practices to businesses.

Beginning July 2003, the ACDEH began implementing a grant from the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to survey and inspect waste tire facilities within all of Alameda County with the exception of the City of Berkeley. The Waste Tire Program applies to facilities that generate, transport, or accept waste tires. Although the waste tire facility inspection program is independent of the CUPA programs, the CUPA Inspector conducts inspections for both programs, where ACDEH is the CUPA.



Waste Tire Program



Underground Storage Tanks

All underground storage tanks (UST) are inspected on an annual schedule. Each permitted site has a specific month that the inspection will take place each year. The inspection is always conducted with a qualified contractor and one of our staff to oversee and document findings during the equipment testing. We strongly encourage the facility manager to be present during the inspection to facilitate the document review and answer any questions that may arise. All UST information is required to be in CERS by January 1, 2014.



Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA)

The CAL FIRE-Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is responsible for ensuring the implementation of the Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA) Program element of the Unified Program

On September 25, 2012, AB 1566 (Wieckowski) authorized the CAL FIRE-Office of the State Fire Marshal the oversight of the Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA) effective January 1, 2013.

ACDEH is inspecting above ground petroleum storage tanks at sites that meet the

following criteria: aboveground storage tanks (including 55 gallon drums) with an aggregate storage capacity of $\geq 1,320$ gallons of petroleum. APSA sites are required to develop and/or implement a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan, and the plan must be available onsite during the facility inspections.

ACDEH hosts several free workshops throughout the year to businesses in our CUPA jurisdiction, including CERS training to UST Designated Operator training. Please visit our website frequently to take advantage of these opportunities.

www.acgov.org/aceh/index.htm

ALAMEDA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

DISPUTES:



We conduct numerous facility inspections every year for compliance with laws and regulations related to hazardous materials, hazardous waste and underground storage tanks. If there are differing opinions on the result of the findings made during the inspection and you cannot resolve the matter with your inspector to your satisfaction, we have a process for review. Our goal is to provide a fair and objective compliance program that is facility-specific without compromising the CUPA compliance requirements.

Please feel free to contact us for more information or suggestions that would improve our services for you. For more information, please contact your CUPA Inspector or CUPA Program Manager, Susan Hugo at 510-567-6780.



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