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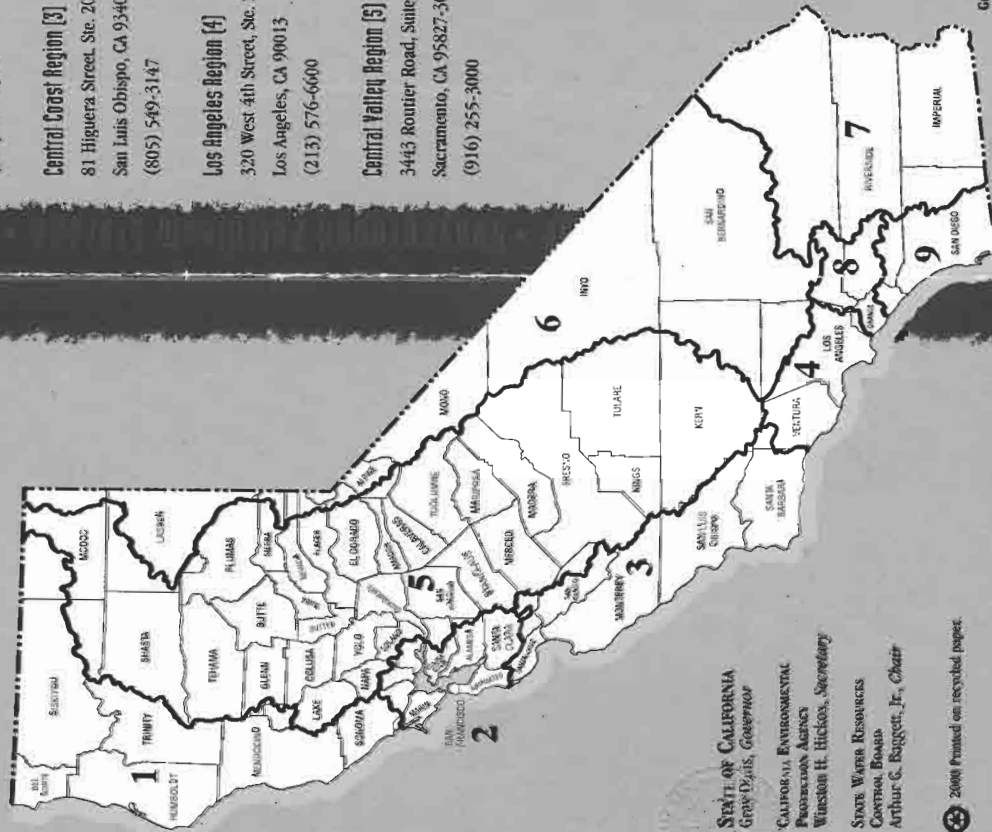
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**Information
on the
Aboveground
Petroleum
Storage Tank
Program**

(Health and Safety Code Sections 25270-25270.13)



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The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) and nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Boards) administer programs and policies to protect California's water resources. One of the programs administered by the State Board and the Regional Boards is the Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tank Program.

In 1989, the California Legislature found that in order to protect the state's people and natural resources from aboveground petroleum storage tank spills, an inspection program was necessary. The Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (Act) became effective January 1, 1990. In general, the Act requires owners or operators of aboveground petroleum storage tanks to file a storage statement, pay a fee by July 1, 1990, and implement measures to prevent spills.

Who Is Subject to the Act?

Facilities storing "petroleum" in a single tank greater than 660 gallons or facilities storing "petroleum" in aboveground tanks or containers with a cumulative storage capacity greater than 1,320 gallons. (Section 25270.2 (k) of the Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act defines certain tanks not subject to the program).

What Is the Definition of Petroleum?

"Petroleum" means crude oil or any fraction which is liquid at 60 degrees Fahrenheit temperature at normal atmospheric pressure. This includes petroleum based substances comprised of a complex blend of hydrocarbons, such as gasoline, diesel, jet fuels, residual fuel oils, lubricants, some petroleum solvents, and used oils. Petroleum does not include liquid propane gas (LPG).

What Does the Act Require?

The Act requires owners or operators of aboveground petroleum storage tank facilities to:

1. file a storage statement,
2. pay a facility fee, and
3. prepare and implement a federal Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plan.

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What Is a "Storage Statement"?

A "storage statement" must include the following information about your facility:

1. Name and address of the tank facility.
2. A contact person for the tank facility.
3. The total storage capacity of all petroleum storage tanks on the facility.
4. For each tank that exceeds 10,000 gallons capacity and which holds a substance containing at least five percent petroleum:
 - a. Location (on the facility)
 - b. Size (in gallons)
 - c. Age (in years)
 - d. Contents (type of petroleum product)

The above information should be submitted on a blank sheet of paper. There is no required form.

What are the fees?

Beginning July 1, 1990, and every two years thereafter, you must remit a fee according to the following fee schedules:

Total Storage Capacity (gallons) (per facility, not per tank)	1990 Fee	1992 and every 2 years thereafter
Less than 10,000	\$ 0	\$ 100
10,000-100,000	\$ 50	\$ 200
100,001-1,000,000	\$ 100	\$ 400
1,000,001-10,000,000	\$ 200	\$ 1,600
10,000,001-100,000,000	\$ 500	\$ 8,000
100,000,001 or more	\$ 1,000	\$ 30,000

The fees are deposited into the State Environmental Protection Trust Fund. Funds are used for program activities such as facility inspection, enforcement, and cleanup oversight by Regional Board staff.

Where do I send my storage statement and fee?

Your check should be made payable to "SWRCB" and the phrase "aboveground tank" should be written on the check. Your storage statement and check should be mailed to:

State Water Resources Control Board

Attention: Accounting Office

P. O. Box 100; Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

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What is a Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasure (SPCC) plan?

An SPCC plan is a carefully thought-out plan, prepared in accordance with the guidelines contained in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's regulations on oil pollution prevention (40 CFR 112). This plan discusses procedures, methods, and equipment in place at the facility to prevent discharges of petroleum from reaching navigable waters. An SPCC plan is certified by a California Registered Professional Engineer and a complete copy is maintained on site.

Who is required to prepare and implement an SPCC plan?

All facilities subject to the Act must prepare an SPCC plan except farms, nurseries, logging, or construction sites if these businesses have a total storage capacity of less than 100,000 gallons or if their individual storage tanks are less than 20,000 gallons. (Farms, nurseries, logging, or construction sites with the above stated storage capacities must still submit a storage statement and fee and comply with the conditions stated in Section 25270.5(d) of the Act).

Who conducts aboveground tank facility inspections?

The Regional Board may conduct periodic facility inspections to determine compliance with the SPCC plan.

Your local Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) may also check to verify whether an SPCC plan is in place at your facility. The CUPA will then refer their findings to the Regional Board for follow-up.

Note: The State Board does not issue permits. For information about aboveground storage tank installations, please contact your local building or fire department.

For specific questions about your facility...

Contact the Regional Board, Aboveground Tank Program Manager (see the map on the back of this pamphlet for Regional Board location in your area).

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