



# Underground Storage Tank Program

## October 2025 Update

### Single-Walled UST Follow-Up Survey

On August 29, 2025, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) distributed follow-up surveys to Unified Program Agencies (UPAs) with single-walled underground storage tanks (USTs) in their jurisdiction. The data collected from the follow-up survey has been updated on the [single-walled UST map](#)<sup>1</sup> on the State Water Board [single-walled UST webpage](#).<sup>2</sup> Additionally, the State Water Board began distributing red tag supplies to the UPAs on September 23, 2025, based on the results of the survey.

An overview of the survey results is provided below:

- 393 facilities with 1,083 single-walled components
  - 258 facilities with 691 single-walled tanks only
    - 32 facilities are government owned
  - 45 facilities with 118 double-walled tanks and single-walled piping only
    - 6 facilities are government owned
  - 90 facilities with 274 single-walled tanks and piping
    - 7 facilities are government owned
- 31 facilities with 39 emergency tank systems
  - 12 facilities are government owned
- 42 facilities are within 1,000 feet of a public drinking water well
- 171 (44%) facilities have not submitted a UST closure permit application

For questions regarding single-walled USTs surveys or red tag supplies, contact: Jenna Hartman at (916) 327-8563 or [Jenna.Hartman@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Jenna.Hartman@waterboards.ca.gov)

### Enforcement Data in CERS

As the single-walled UST closure deadline approaches, the State Water Board reminds UPAs that all red tag and enforcement information must be entered into the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS). UPAs requiring assistance with entering red tag information in CERS should refer to the CERS FAQ, [How to Enter Red Tag](#)

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<sup>1</sup> <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/0167aef5ced240ddb27331f6988dc8b2>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/single\\_walled.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/single_walled.html)

Information.<sup>3</sup> Finally, UPAs should report the total number of red tags issued, not the number of facilities with red tags.

For information regarding red tags and enforcement information in CERS, contact: Magnolia Busse at (916) 341-5870 or [Magnolia.Busse@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Magnolia.Busse@waterboards.ca.gov)

## Chapter 16 Rewrite Update

On September 3, 2025, the State Water Board adopted the proposed amendments to the UST Regulations. The proposed UST Regulations will become effective on January 1, 2026. A copy of the proposed [UST Regulations](#)<sup>4</sup> is available on the [Chapter 16 webpage](#)<sup>5</sup> for reference.

For additional information regarding the Chapter 16 rewrite, contact: Tom Henderson at (916) 319-9128 or [Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tom.Henderson@waterboards.ca.gov)

## Chapter 16 Informational Webinars

State Water Board staff will host a series of webinars to provide an overview of the amended UST regulations and respond to questions from attendees. Each session will deliver the same presentation, and UPAs are encouraged to attend the session that best aligns with their availability.

The webinars will be held via Zoom on the following dates and times:

- October 14 from 1:00pm-3:00pm  
[Click Here to Join the Meeting](#)
- October 16 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm  
[Click Here to Join the Meeting](#)
- October 21 from 10:00am to 12:00pm  
[Click Here to Join the Meeting](#)
- November 4 from 10:00am to 12:00pm  
[Click Here to Join the Meeting](#)
- November 6 from 10:00am to 12:00pm  
[Click Here to Join the Meeting](#)

For additional information regarding the Chapter 16 Informational Webinars, contact: Austin Lemire-Baeten at (916) 327-5612 or [Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Austin.Lemire-Baeten@waterboards.ca.gov)

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<sup>3</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/cers/ru01\\_red\\_tag.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/cers/ru01_red_tag.html)

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak\\_prevention/chapter16/docs/draft-regulations-2026-ust-regulations-for-distribution-no-forms.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/chapter16/docs/draft-regulations-2026-ust-regulations-for-distribution-no-forms.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak\\_prevention/chapter16/rewrite.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/leak_prevention/chapter16/rewrite.html)

## Jumper Connection Tubes

During oversight inspections, the evaluation staff continue to observe jumpers connected to the interstitial spaces of double-walled flex piping. These connections are utilized during secondary containment testing but must be disconnected once testing is complete to ensure that any leaks are detected at the earliest possible opportunity. If a UPA inspector observes jumpers connected during the annual monitoring certification, a violation must be issued. Evaluation staff will verify that all applicable violations have been issued. For reference, a photo of jumper connections is provided below.



For additional information regarding jumper connection tubes, contact: Michelle Suh at (916) 323-0878 or [Michelle.Suh@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Michelle.Suh@waterboards.ca.gov)

## Report 6 Discrepancies

During the January through June 2025 Report 6 period, the State Water Board identified a significant increase in discrepancies between data reported to CERS and information submitted by the UPAs. Out of 89 UPAs, 40 (45%) required data corrections to facility counts, active petroleum and hazardous substance UST counts, and reported red tags.

Report 6 data is part of a larger deferral reporting requirement to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, where significant corrections in data are closely scrutinized. For paperless Report 6 reporters, submission of Report 6 certifies that the data in CERS has been verified as accurate and complete. UPAs must clearly identify all data discrepancies on the Report 6 form.

For additional information regarding Report 6 or to request Report 6 training, contact: Magnolia Busse at (916) 341-5870 or [Magnolia.Busse@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Magnolia.Busse@waterboards.ca.gov).

For CERS data training, contact Katlin Cottrell at (916) 319-0742 or [Kaitlin.Cottrell@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Kaitlin.Cottrell@waterboards.ca.gov).

## **UST Enforcement Unit Supervisor**

Jenna Hartman will be leaving the UST Leak Prevention Unit after nearly four years. She has accepted the supervisor position with the State Water Board, Office of Enforcement, UST Enforcement Unit. Jenna has been an excellent team member and will be missed. We are very proud of Jenna and excited to see her excel in her new role.