



State Water Resources Control Board

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UPDATED EXAMS FOR CALIFORNIA UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL CERTIFICATION

To: Local Agencies, Service Technicians, Designated Operators, and Other Interested Persons

The purpose of this letter is to advise that as of July 1, 2012 exam content has been updated for certifications issued by the International Code Council (ICC) for the California Underground Storage Tank (UST) System Operator (UC), California UST Inspector (UI), and California UST Service Technician (UT). Correspondingly, the *ICC CA UST Exam Reference Book* has also been updated. Revisions to the exams and exam reference materials are representative of recent changes to UST regulations and the publication of best management practices that occurred on or after March 2007.

For a complete review of revised *ICC CA UST Exam Reference Book* contents and related materials please see enclosure *California UST Certification Exam References*. The most significant changes to the exam reference materials are that *Straight Talk on Tanks* will no longer be used, and two new references were added. The Petroleum Equipment Institute (PEI) Recommended Practices (*RP*) 500¹ and *PEI RP900*² are now included as references for all three exams.

The exams remain open book for the UC and UI, and the *ICC CA UST Exam Reference Book* will be provided at the testing center for use during the exam. However, those taking the UC and UI exams starting July 1, 2012 will need to bring the *PEI RP500* and *PEI RP900* references with them to the exam center, as they are not included in the *ICC CA UST Exam Reference Book*. PEI publications can be purchased at www.pei.org. The exam remains closed book for the UT.

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Snyder at (916) 341-5385 or tsnyder@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura S. Fisher".

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Enclosure (1)

¹ *PEI RP500-11 – Recommended Practices for Inspection and Maintenance of Motor Fuel Dispensing* (2011)

² *PEI RP900-08 – Recommended Practices for Inspection and Maintenance of UST Systems* (2008)

California UST Certification Exam References

Examination Reference		UST System Operator (Open Book Exam)	UST Service Technician (Closed Book Exam)	UST Inspector (Open Book Exam)
Contained in This Booklet		Required for This Exam		
1	California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 16, Underground Storage Tank Regulations. (October 13, 2005)	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	California Health and Safety Code, Chapter 6.7, Underground Storage of Hazardous Substances (July 7, 2003)	Yes	Yes	Yes
3	California Code of Regulations. Title 8, Section 5157, Permit-Required Confined Spaces	No	No	Yes
4	Dollars and Sense, July 1995 (EPA 510-K-95-004)	Yes	No	No
5	Operating and Maintaining Underground Storage Tank Systems, August 2000 (EPA 510-B-00-008)	Yes	Yes	Yes

Note: "Straight Talk on Tanks" has been removed for exams starting in July 2012. References #1-2 are also available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/regulatory/index.shtml#regs. References #4 - 5 are also available at <http://www.epa.gov/OUST/pubs/index.htm>.

The following references are not contained in this booklet but are required study references for the exams indicated below.

Examination Reference		UST System Operator (Open Book Exam)	UST Service Technician (Closed Book Exam)	UST Inspector (Open Book Exam)
<u>Not</u> Contained in This Booklet		Required for This Exam		
6	EPA 910/B-92/001 <i>Health and Safety Training for Underground Storage Tank Inspectors, Students Guide</i>	No	Yes	No
7	PEI/RP100 (2011) <i>Recommended Practices for Installation of Underground Liquid Storage Tanks</i>	No	Yes	No
8	PEI/RP300 (2009) <i>Recommended Practices for Installation and Testing of Vapor Recovery Systems at Vehicle Fueling Sites</i>	No	Yes	No
9	PEI/RP500 (2011) - Recommended Practices for Inspection and Maintenance of Motor Fuel Dispensing Equipment	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*
10	PEI/RP900 (2008) - Recommended Practices for the Inspection and Maintenance of UST Systems	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*

* Required study references for exams starting in July 2012.