

**DATE: September 15, 2003**

**TO: Underground Storage Tank (UST) Owners/Operators**

**FROM: Solid Waste & Hazardous Materials Division**

**RE: Proposed UST Regulation Changes for UST Systems**

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is presently soliciting comments regarding more changes to the existing UST regulations. These proposed changes implement legislation enacted by Senate Bill 989 (Statutes 1999, Chapter 812) and Assembly Bill 1465 (Statutes 2001, Chapter 154). The proposed changes are summarized as follows:

1. Certification shall be required by:
  - a) **January 1, 2005** for persons who are responsible for the operation and compliance of an underground storage tank facility (defined in this regulation package as "designated operators").
  - b) **January 1, 2005** for persons who install underground storage tank systems or components.
  - c) **July 1, 2005** for persons who install, calibrate, test, and maintain monitoring equipment (defined in this regulation package as "service technicians").
  - d) **July 1, 2005** for persons employed at an underground storage tank facility.
  - e) **September 1, 2005** for persons who conduct UST facility compliance inspections.

The "designated operator" and "certified installer" exams are presently available and administered by the International Code Council (ICC). Please visit their website at [www.iccsafe.org/certification/bulletin](http://www.iccsafe.org/certification/bulletin) for more information. The SWRCB and the ICC are in the process of developing exams for inspectors and service technicians. Each certified individual must update their certification every two years.

2. **Effective January 1, 2005**, owners of UST systems shall be required to sign a written statement to be submitted to the local agency stating that their facility is in compliance with all regulatory and statutory requirements, and identifying the facility's designated UST operator.
3. **Effective July 1, 2005**, the designated UST operator shall be required to provide annual on-the-job training for facility employees.
4. For UST systems components installed on or after **January 1, 2004**, owners or operators of underground storage tank systems shall submit product compatibility and permeability information to the State Water Resources Control Board or local regulatory agency upon request.

5. **Within 6 months of the effective date of these proposals**, automatic line leak detectors shall be required on all double-walled pressurized piping and provide an alternative to the 0.1 gallon per hour (gph) annual line test.
6. **Immediately following the effective date of these proposals**, licensed tank testers shall be permitted to install, calibrate, test, and maintain monitoring equipment if they meet existing training and certification requirements.

A complete text of the proposed regulations and a detailed statement of reasons are available online at [www.swrcb.ca.gov/cwphome/ust](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/cwphome/ust) for reference. To submit written comments to the SWRCB, please contact:

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If you have any questions regarding the proposed changes for UST regulations, please telephone our office in Placerville at (530) 621-6664 or in South Lake Tahoe at (530) 573-3450.