



Unified Program Agency Newsletter

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FREE Business Plan Training hosted by City of El Segundo Fire Department UPA

The ESFD Environmental Safety Division is hosting a free Business Plan training on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 9:00 am to 1:00pm in the City of El Segundo. This training is open to businesses and facilities located in the City of El Segundo with hazardous materials reporting requirements. Additional information and registration can be found [here](#).

CalEPA Unified Program State Surcharge Increase for FY23/24

Effective October 13, 2023, the CalARP program component of the state surcharge, which has only been increased once, 15 years ago, will be increased from \$270 to \$370 per regulated business annually and the Unified Program Oversight component of the surcharge will be increased from \$84 to \$94 per regulated business annually.

The Underground Storage Tank, Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act, and Refinery Safety components of the state surcharge remain unchanged.

City of El Segundo Fire Department's UPA will begin assessing the new surcharge in the following manner:

- Any new facilities that enter the unified program will be billed \$94.00 for the Oversight Surcharge and if applicable, the \$370 for the CalARP program.
- Existing unified program facilities that are billed for 2024-2025 permits in Spring of 2024 will be billed:
 - \$10 that was not billed/collected for 2023-2024, AND the \$84 for the 2024-2025 year for the Oversight Surcharge fee.
 - \$100 that was not billed/collected for 2023-2024, AND the \$370 for the 2024-2025 year for the CalARP Surcharge fee.

Read the full bulletin here: <https://calepa.ca.gov/cupa/>

Cal FIRE OSFM Website Updates

CAL FIRE has transitioned to a new site for web content. The new Office of the State Fire Marshal webpages are linked below:

[Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act \(APSA\) Program](#)

[Hazardous Materials Management and Hazardous Materials Inventory Statements \(HMMP-HMIS\) Program](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

February 15, 2024

FREE HMBP Training
Please register ASAP
[Registration Link](#)

March 1, 2024

CERS
Submittals/Certifications
Due

April/May 2024

Annual UPA Billing for
2024-2025 permits

*PLEASE BE SURE YOUR BILLING
CONTACT/EMAIL IS UP TO DATE
IN CERS

SPOTLIGHT

Welcome Fire Chief Avery

El Segundo Fire Department is excited to welcome new leadership with the appointment of Chief George Avery. See the full Press Release [here](#).

California CUPA Forum Board: 26th Certified Unified Annual Training Conference

Feb. 26-29, 2024 | Burlingame, CA

Please visit the CUPA Forum Board website for details and registration information.

2023-2024 Master Fee Schedule

Please note: Changes to the City of El Segundo Unified Program Fees were effective July 1, 2023. For more information, please see our City Council adopted Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Master Fee Schedule [here](#).

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Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA) Program Rulemaking

Changes to the APSA regulations are coming. The APSA Program regulation package was submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). The 45-day comment period began on November 3, 2023, and will end on January 19, 2024. A public hearing will be held on January 19, 2024, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Copies of the APSA Program regulation package are available on the new OSFM Code Development and Analysis Division Title 19 rulemaking website at: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/code-development-and-analysis/title-19-development>.

Underground Storage Tank Statutory Provisions of Assembly Bills 1716 and 1115

Two recent Assembly Bills (AB) have been signed into law by Governor Newsom and amend Health and Safety Code, division 20 (H&SC) provisions of the Emergency Generator Tank Systems and the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Cleanup Fund. These amendments to H&SC became effective on January 1, 2024.

AB 1716 - Definition of “Emergency Generator Tank System”

H&SC currently defines an “emergency generator tank system” as a UST system that provides power supply in the event of a commercial power failure. AB 1716 amends and expands the definition of “emergency generator tank system” to “emergency tank system” for use by one or more of the following emergency stationary devices: 1) an emergency generator that provides power supply in the event of a commercial power failure or disruption; 2) a fire suppression system used to extinguish, control, or prevent spreading of fires; and 3) a steam generation pressure tank.

AB 1716 amends H&SC, chapter 6.7, sections 25281.5, 25281.6, and 25284.1. The complete text of AB 1716 can be found at: https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB1716

AB 1115 - Extension of the UST Cleanup Fund

H&SC currently limits the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) from accepting UST Cleanup Fund claim applications after January 1, 2025, and requests for reimbursements of investigation and remediation cost associated with petroleum releases after July 1, 2025. It also prevents UST owners and operators from using the UST Cleanup Fund as a financial responsibility mechanism on or after January 1, 2025.

AB 1115 extends the Cleanup Fund and companion programs, including Replacing, Removing or Upgrading (RUST) grants and loans, through January 1, 2035. UST owners and operators will also be able to use the UST Cleanup Fund as a financial responsibility mechanism until December 31, 2034.

AB 1115 amends H&SC, chapters 6.75 and 6.76, sections 25299.32, 25299.41, 25299.43, 25299.50.3, 25299.50.7, 25299.51, 25299.57, 25299.58, 25299.81, 25299.82, and 25299.117. The complete text of AB 1115 can be found [here](#).

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SURVEYS

Inspection Satisfaction

Has your facility had a routine or reinspection for your Unified Programs? Tell us about your inspection experience by taking our quick:

[Inspection Satisfaction Survey](#).

UPA Program Satisfaction

Do you have general, non-inspection, related suggestions or feedback? Tell us about it by taking our quick:

[UPA Satisfaction Survey](#).

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Hazardous Waste Biennial Report Article

You are required to file a 2023 Biennial Report if you meet one of the following conditions:

- You are a RCRA Large Quantity Generator (LQG). This means your site:
 - Generated 1,000 kilograms (kg; 2,200 pounds [lbs.]) or more of non-acute RCRA hazardous waste (including quantities imported by importer site) in a single month; or
 - Generated in a single month or accumulated at any time, 1 kilogram per month (kg/mo; 2.2 pounds per month [lbs/mo]) or more of any RCRA acute hazardous wastes listed in 40 CFR sections 261.31 or 261.33 or
 - Generated or accumulated at any time, more than 100 kg (220 lbs.) of any residue or contaminated soil, waste, or other debris resulting from the cleanup of a spill, into or on any land or water, of any RCRA acute hazardous waste listed in 40 CFR sections 261.31 or 261.33(e) or
- Your facility treated, stored, or disposed of RCRA hazardous waste on site in units subject to RCRA permitting requirements during the reporting year.

The period for the 2023 biennial report opened on January 4, 2024. Regulatory compliance requires that your facility keep the two most recent copies. California waste only generators are NOT required to file.

2024 Deletion of Inactive CERS User accounts

A CERS business user account that has been inactive for 1 or more years is considered a stale account. Stale accounts pose a security risk as each accounts offers a malicious actor opportunity to gain access to CERS.

To comply with CalEPA's Information Security policies, any CERS account with no login activity within 1 year will be disabled and removed. This includes first responder and other government account types.

CalEPA will be emailing users with no recent login activities to prompt a log-in. Please ensure users provided access to CERS who have not logged into CERS within the last year, log in before March 15, 2024, to prevent impacts to user access.

El Segundo CUPA shall continue CERS access procedures remain in place per CCR, Title 27 as follows:

- Section 15180(e)(4), requiring established written procedures for providing HMRRP information to emergency response personnel and other appropriate government entities in accordance with HSC Section 25504(c); and
- Sections 15185(f) and 15100(b)(2)(B)(i)(c), requiring access to the information collected in CERS to be provided to local information management systems, and to agencies with shared responsibilities for protection of the public health and safety and the environment.