

# San Joaquin County ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT CUPA NEWS



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## UST DEADLINE APPROACHING!

By January 1, 2003, secondary containment on all underground storage tank systems (ust's) is required to have been tested. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO CALL A TANK TESTING CONTRACTOR, THEY MAY BE TOO BUSY TO HELP YOU BY THEN.** If you are unable to have your secondary containment tested by the deadline *for any reason*, EHD will be unable to issue a permit for your facility. California Health and Safety Code Section 25284 prohibits anyone from owning or operating an ust without a permit issued by the regulatory agency.

Please call EHD for a list of contractors that are known to perform this kind of testing. **CALL TODAY!** (209) 468-3427 or email [Shollingsworth@sjcehd.com](mailto:Shollingsworth@sjcehd.com).

## FREE Compliance School!

The San Joaquin County Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) is offering *FREE* classes to help businesses learn to comply with regulations enforced by the CUPA. Trainers from *Network Environmental Systems (NES)* will teach the 4 hour classes. The training class covers:

- General categories of hazardous waste and management techniques
- Hazardous waste manifests and record keeping requirements
- Title 22 employee training requirements
- Hazardous waste storage and container requirements
- Hazardous Material Business Plan information
- Requirements and applicability of Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC)
- Emergency Response and Contingency Plans.



Classes will be held in Stockton.

You must pre-register to attend.

Classes are scheduled from 8AM-NOON on the following dates:

Thursday, August 15, 2002

Thursday, September 12, 2002

For more information or to register call Sylvia Hollingsworth at 209-468-3427

## CUPA Q & A

**Q:** Are there any grants or loans available to help me upgrade my tanks or piping?

**A:** The California Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency, Office of Small Business, offers direct grants and loans under the Replacement and Removal of Underground Storage Tank (RUST) Program. This program helps owners and operators of small independent underground storage tank (UST) facilities comply with requirements, including those mandated by Senate Bill 989 (SB 989) (Stats.1999, Ch. 812). The RUST program provides funds for removal and replacement of USTs, under-dispenser containment boxes, monitoring systems, dispensers, and enhanced vapor recovery (EVR) systems. Applicants must provide evidence that their facility is in compliance with applicable requirements at the time of application for the grant or loan. The program cannot pay for or reimburse expenses incurred before final approval of the grant or loan. The program will pay for site improvements associated with keeping the UST facility in compliance with SB 989 and EVR requirements but not for any required periodic testing, such as enhanced leak detection (ELD) and secondary containment testing. Small rural UST owners and operators may apply for a grant of between \$10,000 and \$50,000. Those who do not qualify for a grant may apply for a RUST loan ranging from \$10,000 to \$750,000. The interest rate is 5.75% as of September 2001, for a 20 year loan. There is a 2% loan fee. The loan's flexible features make it substantially more feasible for applicants to participate in this program than in conventional financing programs. The loan payback period is longer, the fixed interest rate is below market rate, and a down payment is not required. For further information, UST owners or operators should contact Mr. Eric Watkins at (916) 323-9879 or by E-mail at: [ewatkins@commerce.ca.gov](mailto:ewatkins@commerce.ca.gov) or Mr. Carlos Nakata at (916) 323-2688, or by E-mail at: [cnakata@commerce.ca.gov](mailto:cnakata@commerce.ca.gov). The fax number for both is (916) 322-5084.

**Do you have a question you would like answered in CUPA Q&A?**

Send it to:

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## SWRCB MAILING LIST

If you would like to subscribe to the State Water Resources Control Board mailing list you may write to them at: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Clean Water Programs, UST Program, 1001 I Street, 17th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 and let them know which of the following publications you would like to receive: *UST Laws, Regulations, and Amendments; UST leak reporting and cleanup information; List of Certified UST Leak Detection Methods and Equipment; Notices of UST training classes and conferences; Local Guidance Letters to local agencies and others; List of licensed tank testers (LG-105) and amendments; UST Leak Prevention Program technical documents; Just UST Newsletter.* Or signup at their website [www.swrcb.ca.gov/cwphome/ust/forms/ip.html](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/cwphome/ust/forms/ip.html).

**LOW COST DISPOSAL...** Do you generate less than 100 kilograms (27 gallons) of hazardous waste per month? If you do, you may qualify for hazardous waste disposal and recycling that is *affordable, safe, and legal*, sponsored by the Cities and County of San Joaquin. For more information on the Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) program, call (209) 468-3066.

## Have You Submitted Your Reports Today?

The following items must be completed and submitted to the Environmental Health Department on a regular basis:

- ◆ **Permit By Rule (PBR) Notification Renewal forms** (*Due January 1 each year*)
- ◆ **Financial Assurance** documents for PBR and Conditionally Authorized facilities (*Due March 1 each year*)
- ◆ **Recyclable Materials Report** (*Due by July 1 of each even-numbered year*)
- ◆ **Financial Responsibility** documents for ALL underground storage tank owners/operators. (*Due annually*)

Do you need CUPA program forms or other CUPA information? Visit the San Joaquin County CUPA website for useful information and links at:

[www.geocities.com/unitiii/](http://www.geocities.com/unitiii/)

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