

This is a message from the State Water Resources Control Board.

As the deadline to permanently close single walled tanks and piping is quickly approaching, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), with assistance from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), has commenced the Single Walled Underground Storage Tank Closure Initiative (Initiative). The Initiative has been developed with the intent to maximize the number of single walled underground storage tanks and piping permanently closed prior to the December 31, 2025 deadline by educating owner/operators of funding opportunities available through the State Water Board's Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks (RUST) Program and Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund.

The State Water Board, utilizing U.S. EPA's contractor Redhorse Corporation (Redhorse), will soon collect information available in the California Environmental Reporting System to identify all single walled tanks and piping. Using the information obtained from CERS, Redhorse and RUST Program staff will reach out to owners and operators to assist with determining eligibility for RUST grants/loans and assist in preparing RUST applications.

To kick off the Initiative, two educational workshops have been scheduled. These workshops will include presentations and discussions regarding the single walled closure requirements by UST Leak Prevention program staff, loan/grant funding opportunities available to assist eligible small business owners/operators by RUST program staff, and cleanup funds available to assist eligible owners/operators with cleaning up petroleum-related contamination by the Cleanup Fund program staff.

Workshop Dates and Locations:

March 26, 2018; 12:00 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Alameda Public Library
1550 Oak Street
Alameda, California 94501

April 26, 2018; 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

Olive Drive Fire Training Facility
5642 Victor Street
Bakersfield, California 93308

Please direct questions regarding the educational workshops to Ms. Brittany Baugher at brittany.baugher@redhorsecorp.com or (619) 241-4609 Ext 857. Registration to attend is not required.

Additional information on activities associated with the Initiative, including additional workshops, is forthcoming. Until then, information detailing the single wall closure deadline and requirements can be found at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/single_walled/. Information on the RUST program grant/loan program including, fact sheets, applications, and eligibility requirements, can be found at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/rust.shtml.

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