

## **Environmental Health Services**

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## To whom it may concern:

The Santa Barbara County Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) has rescinded any UST policies that were more stringent than standards established by state law and/or regulation, and are not supported by locally adopted ordinance. These policies were not being enforced and are no longer in effect. All UST plan review, installation inspection, start-up verification, and operational certification shall be performed in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations unless different standards have been adopted in local ordinance.

To date, no UST policies more stringent than those established by State law and/or regulation are adopted in local ordinance. The CUPA has no intention of instituting any new UST policies or other policies that are more stringent than the State's. The CUPA management and personnel have determined the State's requirements are adequate.

This notice is being directed to the testing companies conducting work on UST facilities within the County. In addition, this notice will be placed on our website for review by the general public, business owners, and any technicians or testing companies new to the area.

Please note: When any UST plan review, installation inspection, start-up verification, or operational certification needs to be scheduled with a CUPA inspector, email the information to USTNotification@sbcphd.org. This method allows us to monitor our workload, direct the work to the appropriate inspector, and provide better service.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, contact me at 805-681-4044 or Erin.O'Connell@sbcphd.org.

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