



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
CUPA HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION
1131 Harbor Bay Parkway
Alameda, CA 94502
(510) 567-6700

2009 Annual CUPA Program Letter to Regulated Businesses in the City of Newark

This is the first annual Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Program Letter. By now, you probably know that City of Newark Fire Department de-certified as CUPA in January 2009 and Alameda County Department of Environmental Health (DEH) is now required to implement the Unified Program in the City of Newark. The purpose of this letter is to let you know of news that may affect you as a permitted facility in the CUPA program.

Alameda County DEH staff will soon begin inspecting and permitting facilities in Newark. City of Newark Fire Department plans to continue their hazardous materials compliance inspection and permitting program. You will likely see representatives from both agencies. By state law, Alameda County DEH conducts annual inspections and issues permits for underground storage tank sites and for sites subject to the California Accidental Release Program (Cal/ARP), and every three years for other types of facilities. CUPA fees are charged to recover costs associated with implementing the programs.

Please feel free to contact us for more information or suggestions to improve our services or for comments on this annual program letter.

Online hazardous materials and underground storage tank reporting is coming!

Assembly Bill 2286, signed into law in September 2008, requires that by January 1, 2013 all businesses are required to report hazardous materials, hazardous waste, underground tank and aboveground tank related information electronically through the internet. California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA), in coordination with the local CUPAs, has been given responsibility for implementing this new requirement. A \$25 surcharge will be charged to regulated businesses for three years, beginning July 1, 2009, to generate funds necessary to assist in the development and operation of this statewide electronic reporting system. 75% of the money collected will be used at the local level for implementation of the program.

Until you are notified that electronic reporting is required by us you can choose to submit on paper or you can use the online reporting process at www.unidocs.org to submit electronically.

Disputes

If you have a disagreement with the inspector, please let us know. Our goal is to make our program more responsive to you without reducing our regulatory enforcement requirements.

For more information, please contact your assigned Alameda County CUPA inspector or CUPA Program Manager, Susan Hugo at 510-567-6780. You can also find more information on our website (www.acgov.org/aceh/) or on the Cal/EPA website (www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA/).