

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO  
Environmental Management  
Department (EMD)

Val F. Siebal  
Director

Marie Woodin, Chief  
Environmental Compliance Division

Ryan Bailey, Deputy Chief  
Environmental Compliance Division

*EMD is the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) for Sacramento County including its incorporated cities. The Sacramento County CUPA Program is administered by the EMD Environmental Compliance Division.*

**DISCLAIMER** - The information contained in this Compliance Assistance Bulletin is based upon the statutes and regulations and is intended to provide a basic overview to help achieve compliance. This document does not replace or supersede relevant statutes and regulations and is not intended as legal advice. All interested parties should monitor changes to relevant statutes and regulations for updates.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

John Elkins  
Supervising Environmental Specialist  
Environmental Compliance Division  
(916) 876-7884 • [ElkinsJo@saccounty.net](mailto:ElkinsJo@saccounty.net)



ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

10590 Armstrong Avenue • Suite A • Mather, CA 95655

REVISED

# COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE BULLETIN

February 2012



## UST ANNUAL VISUAL INSPECTION REQUIREMENT

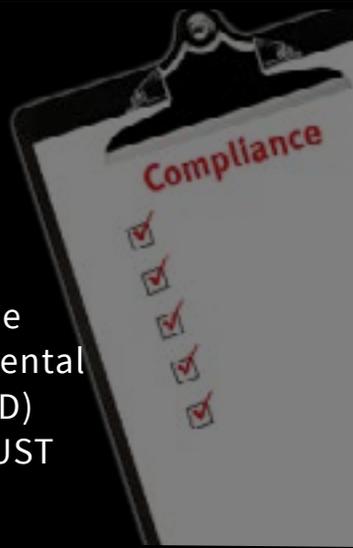


ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
DEPARTMENT (EMD)

916-875-8550 • [emd.saccounty.net](http://emd.saccounty.net)

## INTRODUCTION

This Compliance Assistance Bulletin is designed to inform underground storage tank (UST) owners, operators and testing companies that the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department (EMD) must visually inspect certain UST components every year.



## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU?

Due to liability issues and other concerns, EMD representatives do not remove sump lids or dispenser panels. Special tools and equipment may be needed in order to access portions of the UST system. For example, turbine sumps are often covered by heavy metal lids with bolts. The owner/operator is responsible for opening these UST components for inspection and may need a service technician to do this.

If an EMD representative is not present for the annual monitoring system certification testing, the UST owner will be required to provide access to the inside of the sumps, UDC's and spill buckets when the EMD representative visits the site at a later date.

EMD normal working hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm excluding County holidays. If a UST annual monitoring certification test is scheduled during EMD non work hours or when an EMD representative is not available, the owner/operator will be responsible for adequately opening the sumps, under dispenser containment, and spill buckets when the EMD representative inspects the facility.

## WHAT IS THE UST ANNUAL VISUAL INSPECTION REQUIREMENT?

California Health and Safety Code (H&SC) Chapter 6.7, Section 25288 (a), requires local implementing agencies to inspect all UST Facilities within their jurisdiction at least once a year. This is a separate requirement from the annual monitoring system certification. The State of California Water Resources Control Board (Board) oversees EMD as the local implementing agency for Sacramento County. The Board has clarified that as part of the annual inspection, local agencies must visually inspect the inside of all sumps, under-dispenser containment (UDC's), and spill buckets.



When feasible, EMD schedules the annual UST compliance inspection to coincide with the annual monitoring system certification. EMD makes every effort to attend the UST annual monitoring certification test. However, there may be rare occasions that an EMD representative cannot attend the monitor certification. UST owners and testing companies are encouraged to contact EMD prior to testing if an EMD representative is not present at the time of the annual monitoring certification test.

## Sacramento County observes the following 2012 holidays:

New Year's Day	January 2nd
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day	January 16th
Lincoln's Birthday	February 13th
Washington's Birthday	February 20th
Memorial Day	May 28th
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	September 3rd
Columbus Day	October 8th
Veterans Day	November 12th
Thanksgiving day and day after	November 22nd and 23rd
Christmas Day	December 25th