

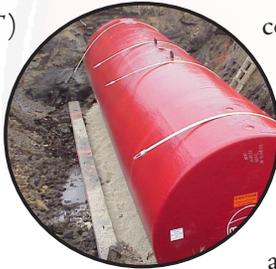
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# HazMat Bulletin

## SECONDARY CONTAINMENT TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR UST'S

The secondary containment of underground storage tank (UST) systems must be tested every 36 months. It is very important that all parts of the secondary system are tested. Contact your designated operator or testing contractor to make sure that all components are tested and that you are aware of any failures.



Test results must be submitted to our office within 30 days of completion. If a component fails, it must be corrected and retested.

You can contact our office to determine if a permit is required to repair or replace a component. Remember, both the UST owner and UST operator are ultimately responsible for the successful completion of the secondary containment test.

## ENFORCEMENT CORNER

EMD is tasked with enforcing laws and regulations governing generation of hazardous waste and the management of hazardous materials. We are also authorized to issue Administrative Enforcement Orders (AEOs) to businesses that violate the law. This includes assessing penalties and ensuring all violations are corrected in order

to create a fair and level playing field for all businesses. These fines and penalties are returned to compliant businesses as offset to your annual fees. **In the past three years, almost \$600,000 has been refunded in this manner!**

The best way to avoid enforcement action is to contact EMD with questions or concerns before they become a problem.

Environmental Specialists are available every business day from 1 to 3 pm to answer your questions. **Call (916) 875-8550 for more information.**

Since the beginning of the 2007 - 2008 fiscal year ( <b>July 1, 2007 to date</b> ), EMD has issued over 75 AEOs to local businesses and collected the penalties for the following violations:	
VIOLATION	TOTAL PENALTIES COLLECTED
Underground Storage Tank (UST)	\$146,547.00
Hazardous Materials Business Plan	\$11,000.00
Operating without a Permit	\$24,230.00
Hazardous Waste/Hazardous Materials	\$237,325.00
Failure to Report a Spill	\$19,300.00
Civil Penalties/Statewide Case Settlements	\$103,250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$541,652.00</b>

## What is Universal Waste (UW)?

Commonly generated hazardous waste that poses a relatively lower risk to people and the environment and is thus regulated on a relaxed set of standards.

### Examples:

- » Non-automotive batteries
- » Fluorescent lamp tubes
- » Compact fluorescent lights
- » Cathode ray tubes (found in computer monitors and televisions)
- » Electronic devices (portable DVD players, cell phones)
- » Items containing mercury (thermometers, automotive switches, novelty items, etc).

## What Should You Do with Your UW?

**UW cannot be thrown into the trash!**

It must be stored in a closed container that is labeled as to its contents.



**Example:** Universal Waste Batteries or Universal Waste Fluorescent Tubes.



The date the UW was put into the container needs to be recorded to ensure that it is properly disposed of within 1 year of becoming a waste.

## How Do You Dispose of UW?

If your business generates **less than 220 lbs per month** of UW, you can take your UW to one of the **Household Hazardous Waste facilities**.

If your business generates **more than 220 lbs per month** of UW, you need to **contact a licensed hauler** to collect your UW.

An **EPA ID# is not required** if the business accumulates **less than 11,000 lbs of UW onsite**.

Maintain records from the hauler onsite for review during inspections.

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### **HAZARDOUS WASTE TANK SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS**

If your business generates more than 270 gallons (or 1000 kg) of hazardous waste per month, your facility is regulated as a Large Quantity Hazardous Waste Generator (LQG.)

Facilities that are LQG hazardous waste generators who accumulate and/or treat hazardous waste in stationary tank(s) / tank systems may need to obtain a written tank system assessment report that has been prepared and signed by a Professional Engineer (PE) that is registered in California.



Specific guidance concerning hazardous waste tank systems can be viewed at EMD's web site at [www.emd.saccountry.net/documents/info/hm/hm\\_waste-ast-guidance-final.pdf](http://www.emd.saccountry.net/documents/info/hm/hm_waste-ast-guidance-final.pdf).

If you have specific questions concerning hazardous waste stationary tank regulations, you can also contact the phone duty specialist at EMD (875-8550.)

### **VISIT EMD ON THE WEB:**

[www.emd.saccountry.net](http://www.emd.saccountry.net)

**OR CALL OUR OFFICES BETWEEN 8AM TO 5PM:  
(916) 875-8550**

### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

**BERC:** Sacramento County Business Environmental Resource Center  
[www.sacberc.org](http://www.sacberc.org)

**California Environmental Protection Agency**  
[www.calpa.ca.gov](http://www.calpa.ca.gov)

**Office of Emergency Services**  
[www.oes.ca.gov](http://www.oes.ca.gov)

**Department of Toxic Substances Control**  
[www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov)

**State Water Resources Control Board**  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov)

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