



# Plumas County Environmental Health

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## CUPA FACILITIES

In accordance with Governor Newsome's March 19, 2020 Executive order, Plumas County Environmental Health will be primarily focused on Coronavirus (COVID-19) response. However, Plumas County Environmental Health will still be responding to hazardous materials releases, and may still be conducting some routine inspections. If your facility is not considered Essential Critical Infrastructure, then we recommend closure of the facility. If your facility is considered Essential Critical Infrastructure, below is guidance to keep your facilities in compliance during this time period:

- If you are unable to get pickups for your hazardous waste, document the reason and date.
- Continue all administrative aspects of your operating permit. Continue documenting inspections of storage tanks, safety trainings, hazardous releases, hazardous waste accumulation start dates, etc.
- Make sure your information in the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS) is up to date and accurate. A CERS submittal is required to be completed annually before March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- All safety procedures, industry standards, and best management practices should continue as normal.

### **For Underground Storage Tank (UST) Facilities:**

- Closely adhere to all federal, state, and local public health and safety guidelines.
- While releases to the environment are infrequent, a release from an unmanned facility or a facility that no longer has access to service personnel could become both costly and dangerous. To minimize these risks, critical UST leak detection, monitoring, and cathodic protection equipment must remain on and monitored. In addition, leak detection and monitoring alarms should be responded to appropriately.
- Document the specific circumstances leading to any delay in conducting tests, maintenance, and inspections that prevent facilities from being in regulatory compliance.
- Document that all critical UST leak detection, monitoring, and cathodic protection equipment remain operational and all leak detection and monitoring alarms have been responded to appropriately.
- UST owners and operators must maintain documentation demonstrating the reasons compliance could not be achieved. Documentation should include, but not limited to:
  - Communication with designated operators and service technicians.

- Cancellations and the reasons associated.
- Records of public closures or restrictions
- Any other relevant information showing the efforts made to maintain compliance to the extent possible.

## STOP THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

In addition to the above stated guidelines for staying in compliance with CUPA Program regulations, it is important that all facilities take steps to prevent the transmission of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Here are some steps your facility can take to prevent the spread of infection:

- Actively encourage sick employees to stay home.
- Send employees with acute respiratory illness symptoms home immediately.
- Increase cleaning and sanitizing frequency of restroom and other high contact areas (i.e. workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, and doorknobs). Dirty surfaces can be cleaned with soap and water prior to disinfection.
- Practice social distancing by avoiding large gatherings and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet or 2 meters) from others when possible.
- Train employees on best hygiene practices including washing their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid using other employees' phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment, when possible. If necessary, clean and disinfect them before and after use.
- Limiting the number of employees and customers at any given time as necessary to reduce outdoor/indoor crowding and lines to meet social distancing guidance.

Additional guidance for employers and workers can be found at: <https://www.labor.ca.gov/coronavirus2019/>

