

Overview

California businesses that use or handle hazardous materials, in all but the smallest quantities, must comply with the State's six hazardous material programs that are collectively administered under the authority of one agency, known as a Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA).

TPS can inventory the hazardous materials at your site, identify what CUPA requirements apply, and develop streamlined and cost-effective solutions to compliance.

Sites that handle hazardous materials above the reporting thresholds must submit a Business Plan to the CUPA, consisting of information about the business, the inventory of each hazardous material handled above the reporting threshold, an employee training plan, and a release response plan. In general, an updated hazardous materials inventory must be submitted every year to the CUPA, and the overall business plan must be reviewed and updated, as necessary, at least every three years.

TPS can help streamline inventories and satisfy multiple requirements, such as the Cal/OSHA Hazard Communication Standard, air quality management district rules, and more.

Hazardous Waste Generator Programs

Businesses that generate hazardous waste *in any quantity* must comply with the hazardous waste standards. TPS can help identify wastes at your site that are regulated, what requirements apply, establish cost-effective and streamline compliance programs, and where to go for recycling or disposal to minimize the "cradle to grave" liability.

Onsite Treatment and Recycling

For sites that treat hazardous wastes, additional notification and permitting may also be required (i.e., wastewater clarifiers, pH neutralization, oil-water separators, machine coolant recycling, etc.).

Fire Code Requirements

TPS can also prepare plans that limit the use and quantities of hazardous materials and flammable and combustible liquids at the site or within building occupancy classification(s).

TPS offers building code support for hazardous occupancy design or closure of facilities that handled hazardous materials to help streamline the permitting process and comply with the building codes.

This may be particularly important to support the approval of new construction, remodeling, or occupancy, as well as facility closure (including the closure of structures that contained hazardous materials). In other cases, more stringent release response plans may be necessary to support hazardous occupancies.

Underground Storage Tank (UST)

An UST that contains a hazardous material must be properly permitted by the CUPA for the initial design and installation, ongoing operation, modification, and closure. The CUPA is responsible for administering the detailed array of ever-changing California regulations that govern USTs, including oversight of installation and routine testing that is required.

SPCC Planning

Sites that have aggregated quantities of petroleum products greater than 1,320 gallons, in containers or tanks over 55 gallons in capacity, are subject to the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In addition, aboveground storage tanks over 10,000 gallons in capacity must be registered with the State Water Resources Control Board.

For more information, please contact TPS or visit the following web sites:

- Cal/EPA Unified Program: www.calepa.ca.gov/CUPA
- California CUPA Forum: www.calcupa.net