CERS Regulator Portal Help

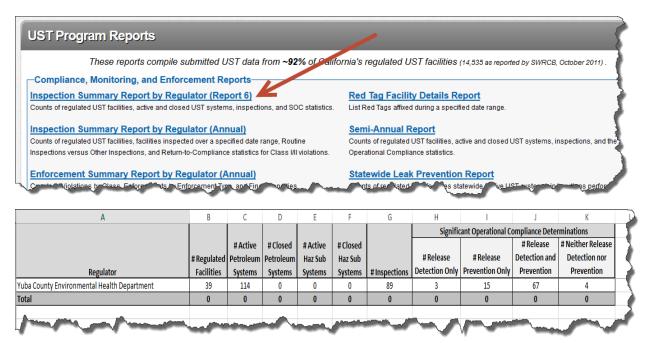
Creating a Valid Report 6 from CERS

Question: How does a UPA ensure that the CERS generated Report 6 provides current, accurate information?

Answer: Much of the data reported in the CERS UST reports is based on 'Accepted' submittals. If a submittal has not been reviewed (status = 'submitted'), or its' status has been set to 'under review' or 'not accepted' the results will not be included in these reports. This was intentional to ensure that the data from the reports is based on UPA-validated data. The following will assist UPAs in evaluating the UST related data in CERS and will identify actions to take to resolve inconsistencies. Once completed, as long as the UPA maintains the data as described below the UST reports in CERS should be valid for the Water Board, US EPA and your own use.

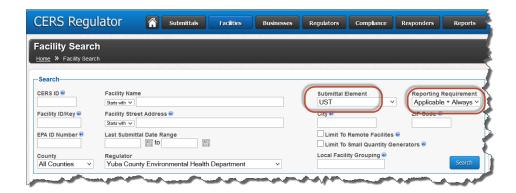
Developing an accurate Report 6 in CERS for the first time

Step 1: Run Report 6

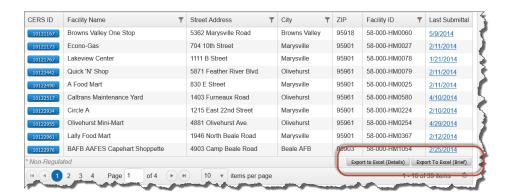


Step 2: Ensure that the Total # of Facilities in Report 6 is correct

 Every UST facility in your jurisdiction must have a UST Submittal Element in CERS that is set to 'applicable' or 'always applicable'. You can confirm this number by performing a search in the Facility section for all facilities with the UST submittal element set to 'applicable' or 'always applicable'.

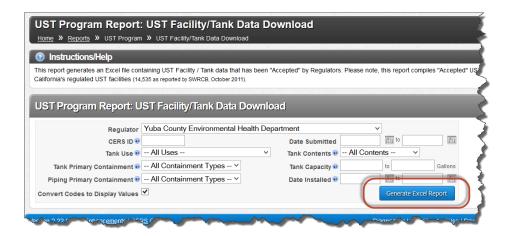


- If the search results total number matches the correct number of UST facilities in your jurisdiction you can move on to step 3. If not, you need to identify which facilities are causing the inconsistency. Follow these steps:
 - After you perform the search in the Facility section for all facilities with the UST submittal element set to 'applicable' or 'always applicable' export the results to Excel using either of the links in the lower right hand corner of the table.



 Run a UST Facility/Tank Data Download report from the Reports section. Click on the link to get the Excel list of UST sites.





Compare the two tables to find the facilities that are not on both tables. Investigate to
determine the reason for the inconsistency for each facility and take appropriate action.
These two tables must match and must include all known UST sites in your jurisdiction
before going to the next step.

Step 3: Verify total # of active underground tank systems (both petroleum and non-petroleum)

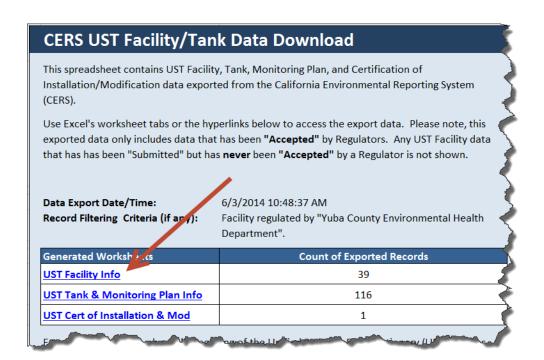
- Once the number of UST facilities in CERS is correct, the number of tank systems listed in Report
 6 should be consistent with the number reported in the UST Facility/Tank Data Download report
 and with your internal records. Staff familiar with the UST sites should review to ensure that UST
 facilities properly reported each UST. Note that for compartmented tanks, each compartment
 must be reported as a separate UST. Any inaccuracies should be reported to the business along
 with a request for an updated UST submittal. Temporarily closed USTs are not included in the
 count of active UST systems.
- The number of closed UST systems is covered later in this FAQ (Step 6).

Step 4: Verify that all UST facilities have reported an acceptable financial responsibility mechanism

 Run a Facility Summary by Financial Responsibility Mechanism report. The total number shown on the Excel spreadsheet should be equal to the total number of UST facilities.



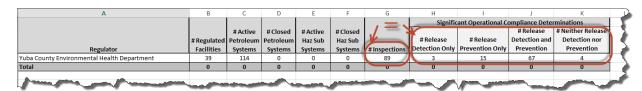
If not, run the UST Facility/Tank Data Download described above. Click on 'UST Facility Info'



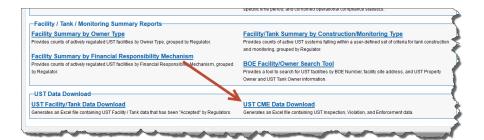
and review columns 422-1 to 422-99a. There should be one and only one selection marked 'yes' for each facility (row). Any facility that has no selection or has multiple selections should be contacted and advised to make a new, corrected UST submission.

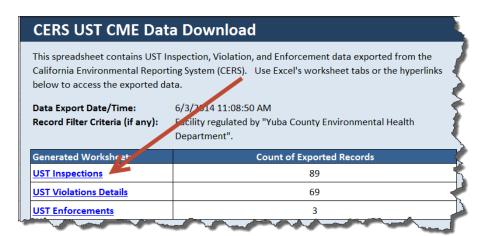


Step 5: Verify the number of inspections is equal to the total count of SOC Compliance Determinations



 If the numbers are not equal run the UST CME Data Download report and select the 'UST Inspections' link.





- Review columns 907 and 913a. (Note that Fields 910, 911, 912 are automatically populated when violations are created in the CME section of CERS and are not limited to Release Detection (RD) or Release Prevention (RP) violations.)
 - For each 'Routine' inspection in field 907 there should be an entry in field 913a. (SOC determination should be set only for initial routine compliance inspections. If you are manually entering CME Data into CERS, enter the SOC determination on the 'create inspection' screen.)
 - Note: If you report no violations for the inspection the SOC status should always be 'SOC with both RD and RP'.
 - If you report any RP and RD violations, even minor, the facility cannot be in SOC because SOC is not recording whether a facility is significantly out of compliance, but whether it is in compliance with significant requirements.
 - For each 'Other' inspection in field 907 field 913a should be blank. If 913a has an entry for an 'other' inspection the inspection record should be revised to delete the SOC determination.

		General Inspection Information				
906	907	910	911	912	913a	91
Inspection Date	Inspection Type	Number of Class I Violations	Number of Class II Violations	Number of Minor Violations	Significant Operational Compliance	Date Return Complia
01/03/2012	Routine	0	0	0	With both Release Detection and Release Prevention	4
05/25/2012	Routine	0	0	0	With both Release Detection and Release Prevention	1
09/07/2012	Routine	0	0	0	With both Release Detection and Release Prevention	4
09/07/2012	Routine	0	0	0	With both Release Detection and Release Prevention	
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09/11/2012	Routine	0	0	0	With both Release Detection) 4
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Step 6: Verifying all Red Tags are entered in CERS

Run a Red Tag Facility Details report. If all known Red Tags are not listed in this report you will need to enter them in the Compliance section of CERS under Enforcement. Note that the Red Tag report only lists the facility, not which tank(s) is red-tagged. To note specific tank(s) use the comment field in the Create Enforcement or Edit Enforcement screens. This comment field is displayed as field 925 in the UST CME Download Report referenced in step 5 above. Further details are provided in the 'How to Enter Red Tag Information FAQ'.



Maintaining an accurate Report 6 and other UST related data in CERS

Once you have established an accurate base of UST related information in CERS maintenance is straightforward. The following outlines the steps to maintaining the UST data so that your agency meets reporting requirements and the Water Board and US EPA can access your agency's UST data directly in CERS.

Step 6: Require timely UST facility submittals

 CERS Facilities are required to provide notice within 30 days of a significant change in their HMBP. A UST tank removal or installation is a significant change so any facility installing or removing a UST should be required to make submittals to CERS within that timeframe to update both the HMBP and UST submittal elements. Sites where all USTs have been closed or removed and non UST sites that install a new UST can be included in CERS reports based on these submittals.

- Similarly, maintaining the number of UST systems is contingent upon timely submittals from UST facilities. The count of closed USTs in Report 6 is based on UST submittals reporting installations or closures during the previous reporting period.
- For routine business reporting tracking, you can run a 'Facilities Reporting Status' Report in the Reports section of CERS. It will give you a list within a specified date range for any submittal element of who has reported and who has not.

Step 7: Provide timely review and 'acceptance' of UST submittals

 As discussed above, UST submittals must be reviewed and accepted before the data will be included in many of the UST reports. When reviewing UST submittals verify that the number of tanks and compartments is reported correctly. Ensure that a financial responsibility mechanism has been selected.

Step 8: Provide timely reporting of UST CME data

For any agency that is manually entering CME data in CERS, an SOC determination should be
entered for all initial routine compliance inspections. Agencies with electronic data transfer
(EDT) capability may have software that automatically sets and reports the SOC determination
as part of the EDT process.

Step 9: Periodic CERS Report validation

• Periodically perform steps 1 through 6 to verify that the data in CERS is current and correct.