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RE: Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tanks

Dear owners/operators:

As of January 1, 2008, the Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs) were vested with the responsibility and authority to implement and enforce the requirements of Chapter 6.67 of the California Health and Safety Code (the Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA)).

APSA was enacted to protect the State's people and natural resources from aboveground petroleum storage tank spills. Facilities storing petroleum in aboveground tanks with a capacity greater than 1,320 gallons or the total capacity for the facility greater than 1,320 gallons are subject to the Act. An aboveground storage tank is a tank or container that has the capacity to store 55 gallons or more of petroleum and that is substantially or totally above the surface of the ground.

Placer County Environmental Health has been developing the Aboveground Storage Tank (AST) program in our county using a grant provided through California EPA. Placer County will begin billing for our services. Your first billing will consist of two AST categories: "Initial SPCC Review" will be a one-time fee for assisting operators in complying with APSA and reviewing the initial SPCC plan; "AST-Petroleum" will be an annual fee.

For additional information about APSA and SPCC plans, please visit our website at: http://www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/hhs/env_health or contact your District Specialist.

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