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Businesses Must Report Electronically Starting January 1, 2013

California Environmental Reporting System (CERS)

Effective January 1, 2013, state law (California Assembly Bill 2286) requires ALL businesses within the State of California responsible for reporting Unified Program information to the Oakland Fire Department Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) to submit these reports electronically using the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS). Reports required to be submitted into CERS include:

- Hazardous Materials Business Plans
- Underground Storage Tanks
- Hazardous Waste (Tiered Permiting)
- Aboveground Storage Tanks
- California Accidental Release Program (CalARP)

Business owners are required by the Oakland Fire Department to submit an updated Unified Program Hazardous Materials Certification Statement for your business no later than **March 1st** of each year; in order to meet the electronic reporting requirement and remain incompliance with the California Health and Safety Code. Business owners and operators shall do the following;

1. Log onto the CalEPA CERS website at cers@calepa.ca.gov and access the **Business Training Portal** to learn how to use the reporting system. Once you have been trained and understand how to enter your data return to the main screen, access the **Business Portal** at the top of the screen to obtain your CERS ID number.
2. If you do not have access to the internet at this time, contact the Oakland Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau for an appointment to access the local web portal to complete the required filing.

Unified Program information must be completed by March 1, 2013.

Contact the Oakland Fire Department CUPA unit at (510) 238-3927 or visit the Oakland Fire Department website for additional information.

Thank you,

James Williams
Deputy Chief / Fire Marshal