Unified Program Violation Library Factsheet

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What is the Unified Program Violation Library?

The Enforcement Steering Committee, a committee comprised of state and local government agencies that develop enforcement policies for the state's Unified Program, created the Unified Program Violation Library so that Unified Program Agencies may report violation information to the state in a uniform and useful manner. The Unified Program Violation Library is a repository of standard violation descriptions Unified Program Agencies **may** use in their field inspections, and **must** reference when reporting violation data to the California Environmental Reporting System (CERS).

How will these violations be reported into CERS?

Unified Program Agencies may report violation information directly into the CERS Regulator Portal or via machine-to-machine electronic data transfer (EDT). Machine-to-machine EDT may occur between CERS and Unified Program Agencies' data management software or web portal system. The Unified Program Violation Library provides the standard for this exchange of violation data.

What types of violation information is in the library?

There are seven types of information associated with each violation within the Unified Program Violation Library. The information is separated into columns in the Violation Library spread sheet.

Violation ID: This is the seven digit number associated with each violation. The first two digits (digits on the left) denote the program element of the violation. The middle two digits denote the category of the violation. The last three digits denote the detailed violation description.

RCRA Codes: If a violation is a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Large Quantity Generator violation, a RCRA code number will be associated with the violation.

Program Element: This is the program element of the violation. The program element will be one of the following:

- Hazardous Materials Business Plan
- Underground Storage Tank Program
- Hazardous Waste Generator
- RCRA Large Quantity Generator
- Tiered Permit
- Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tank
- California Accidental Release Prevention.

Violation Category: This denotes the type of violation. The violation category will be one of the following:

- Administration/Documentation *(Forms, Closure Cost, Pre-notification, Permit, Unified Program documentation, any paperwork violation other than training)*
- Training *(training documentation, actual training)*
- Operations/Maintenance *(Handling, Storage, Equipment, Containers, Labeling)*
- Release/Leaks/Spills
- Abandonment/Illegal Disposal/Unauthorized Treatment

Violation Title: This is a general name/label for the violation.

Violation Description: This is the detailed language that specifies the violation.

Citations: The legal reference(s) pertaining to the violation. References may come from the California Health and Safety Code (HSC), California Code of Regulations (CCR), or the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

How can the Unified Program Violation Library be amended?

The Unified Program Violation Library may be modified periodically using the change management process implemented by the Data Management Steering Committee. Change proposals may be submitted by California government agencies responsible for the six environmental and emergency response programs within the Unified Program or local government agencies that implement the standards of the Unified Program. For more information about the change management policy, click on http://cers.calepa.ca.gov/docs/ESC/violation-library-change-management-policy.pdf.

Where can I get the Unified Program Violation Library?

The Unified Program Violation Library is available as searchable web page at https://cersapps.calepa.ca.gov/DataRegistry/Violations/. This web site also includes the ability to download user-selected portions or all of the Violation Library contents in Microsoft Excel format.