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Answer: Do not accept a submittal where the tank ID number has been changed. Tank records cannot be deleted, so when a UPA accepts a submittal that includes a change to the UST Tank ID number, CERS counts the new Tank ID number ***as an additional tank***. Please review the related FAQ posted for Business Users. **It has been revised to instruct a business to permanently close renumbered tanks and to coordinate that activity with the CUPA.** UPAs that have proxy submittal capability are advised not to make any changes to Tank ID numbers for the same reason.

CERS allows a business user to change a UST tank ID. The user selects the 'edit' button and gets the following warning pop-up screen that allows the user to change the ID number.

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UST Tank Information/Monitoring Plan: Dans Test Site
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Instructions/Help
Use this form to enter data for new UST systems or revise data for an existing UST system. You must complete a separate form for each affected tank. For tanks that are part of a compartmentalized unit, each compartment is considered a separate tank. This information is required within 30 days of permit or facility information changes, unless your local agency requires approval prior to making the changes.
The former paper version of this form was called "UST Operating Permit Application-Tank Information" (Form B).


Discard Copy from Other UST Tank Save Cancel

Type of Action
Type of Action (UST Tank) Confirmed/Updated Information New Permit Renewal Permit Temporary UST Closure UST Permanent Closure on Site UST Removal

Facility Information
Dans Test Site
123 Main St
Soquel, CA 95073

Tank Description
Tank ID # 1
Tank Manufacturer
Date UST System Installed
Date Existing UST Discovered
Tank Configuration A Stand-alone Tank One in a Compartmented Unit
Number of Compartments in the Unit 1

Edit Tank ID X

 The Tank ID is used in local and state reporting systems to identify your tank(s). If you have previously submitted this Tank ID, do not change it without consulting with your local regulator.

Edit Tank ID

Tank ID #

Problem: When a UPA accepts a submittal that includes a change to the UST Tank ID number, CERS counts the new Tank ID number *as an additional tank*. For example, a UPA has accepted a submittal with three tanks with tank IDs 01, 02, and 03. Subsequently, the business makes a submittal and changes the tank ID numbers to tanks 1, 2 and 3, deleting the leading zero for each. Once the UPA accepts this new submittal, CERS counts these three tanks separately from tanks 01, 02 and 03 so the tank count in CERS is six tanks for the site even though they only have three tanks.

This cannot be corrected. Tank records cannot be deleted so once the submittal has been accepted the tank record becomes permanent. Even if the UPA changes the previously accepted submittal to ‘not accepted’, the tank data is still in the system and there is no way to delete it.

For State Water Resources Control Board reporting purposes, the UPA will need to include a variance statement in all reports and in the Paperless Report 6 Certification that states the following:

- CERS ID xxxxxx incorrectly reports xx underground tanks.
 - The correct tank count for this facility is xx
 - Tank ID xx was renumbered and should not be included in any report calculation. (Repeat for each tank that was given a new tank ID number).