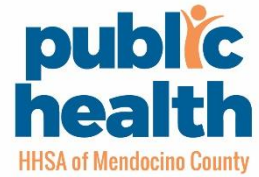




## Mendocino County Public Health Environmental Health



### Mendocino County Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Hazmat Newsletter- December 2025

#### **CERS**

As a reminder, California Health and Safety code §25508(a) and CCR §2652(a)(1) require businesses to report complete and accurate information to CERS on or before **March 1<sup>st</sup>** of every year.

Notices of Violation were issued via email to all facilities that were out of compliance with this statute. Penalty notices were sent to all facilities that had not corrected the violation within the required timeframe. **Avoid penalties: Ensure your CERS submittal is up to date by March 1st**

#### **Staffing Shortage**

The County of Mendocino is currently not approving staffing requests for CUPA inspector vacancies. The reduced staffing will result in extended turn around times responses to questions, service requests, and inspection scheduling.

#### **Payment Plans**

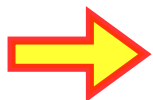
EH offers a payment plan for those businesses that apply *before* the invoice deadline. If you would like to request a payment plan for your permit fee, you must submit an email to [enviroh@mendocinocounty.gov](mailto:enviroh@mendocinocounty.gov) with a written justification, no later than **January 26<sup>th</sup>**. Requests are reviewed weekly by the Director of Environmental Health and approved on a case-by-case basis. If approved, the first payment must be received no later than February 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Underground Storage Tanks (UST)**

- All Single-wall USTs must be closed (removed) by a properly licensed contractor no later than **December 31, 2025**. Facilities that fail to properly close their system will be subject to penalties.
- UST Cleanup fund extension and Replacing, Removing or Upgrading (RUST) grants and loans extension: The Last day to submit applications for re-imbursement is January 1, 2035.

## **Hazardous Waste Permit Holders**

Is your EPA ID number active? In 2025, 1 in 5 facilities received violations for inactive EPA ID numbers, which must be kept current under Health and Safety Code Section 25205.16.



Ensure your EPA ID number is active by visiting <https://hwts.dtsc.ca.gov>

Facilities that have not used their EPA ID number in over one year must complete the **DTSC Electronic Verification Questionnaire (eVQ)** to reactivate the ID number.

### **1. Log in to the eVQ System**

Go to: <https://evq.dtsc.ca.gov>

- If you have an account: **Sign In**
- If new: select **Register**

### **2. Complete the eVQ**

Select your facility → **Start Questionnaire**

Update or enter current information

Indicate **Active** generator status if your facility will continue generating hazardous waste

### **3. Submit & Reactivate**

Certify and **Submit** the eVQ

## **Need More Help?**

We're available to help answer questions, fill out forms, or help you however we can. As mentioned earlier, our website is a great first resource for information. Our website address is [www.mendocinocounty.gov/EH](http://www.mendocinocounty.gov/EH) This document is also available on our website with clickable links.

Wishing you all safety and health in 2026. Happy Holidays! 🎄

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