



## **UST Biodiesel Fact Sheet Update #1**

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted emergency regulations to temporarily allow the storage of biodiesel blends up to and including 20% biodiesel and 80% petroleum diesel, commonly known as B20, in double-walled underground storage tank (UST) systems, effective June 1, 2009.

The emergency regulation provides for a 36-month variance from the required independent organization certification of leak detection equipment with biodiesel and biodiesel compatibility with UST components. Ventura County Environmental Health Division (EHD) shall grant this variance if the following conditions are met:

1. The UST system(s) and components are approved for the storage of petroleum diesel.
2. The UST system(s) and the owner or operator are in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.
3. A written statement from the UST owner that the UST system and components are [compatible](#) and the [monitoring equipment](#) functions with the biodiesel blend to be stored
4. An updated [Tank Information Form](#) has been submitted.
5. A [Notice of Intent](#) to store biodiesel, signed by the UST owner, has been submitted.
6. The UST owner has completed the [UST Modification/Repair](#) Permit process which will evaluate the submitted documentation related to biodiesel compatibility with the UST system and leak detection equipment.



The emergency regulations expire on December 1, 2009 if the SWRCB has not finalized the regulations. EHD will continue to follow biodiesel compatibility testing data and provide additional information as it becomes available. If testing shows incompatibility the variance will no longer apply. Please contact Rick Bandelin at 805/654-2823 or [rick.bandelin@ventura.org](mailto:rick.bandelin@ventura.org) if you have any questions regarding this Fact Sheet.