

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



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TO: Board of Fire Commissioners

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SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE CODE – CERTIFIED UNIFIED PROGRAM
AGENCY UPDATES

FINAL ACTION:	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved w/Corrections	<input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn
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SUMMARY

The Los Angeles Fire Department's (LAFD) Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Section is responsible for the administration, permit, inspection and enforcement activities of the following programs within the City of Los Angeles (City):

- Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program
- Above Ground Storage Tank (AST) Program
- Hazardous Materials Inventory and Business Emergency Plan Program

The CUPA Section was designed to protect the environment while providing critical emergency response information to our first responders. The authority for the CUPA Section to perform its duties primarily resides within the California Health and Safety Code. Due to periodic changes in State regulations as well as added complexities within the City, updates and/or creation of new regulations within the LAFD are frequently required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board:

1. Approve the administrative update and reorganization of the CUPA requirements within the Los Angeles City Fire Code (Fire Code).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

DISCUSSION

The CUPA Section has not provided program specific updates to the Fire Code in over 20 years resulting in an out-of-date system that lacks consistency with current State and industry practices. Providing an updated Fire Code ensures that the LAFD is in alignment with current State regulations and ensures greater protection for the environment, City residents and first responders.

CONCLUSION

The LAFD CUPA section is committed to finding new ways to increase compliance while improving public and first responder safety. By implementing these recommendations, the Department will continue to support this commitment and will provide a more environmentally impactful and a safer City.

Board report prepared by Royce Long, CUPA Manager, CUPA Section, Fire Prevention and Public Safety Bureau.