

CalEPA Hazardous Reporting Complaint No . COMP-68387.
DEPARTMENT OF TOXICS AND SUBSTANCES CONTROL (“DTSC”)
2026.07.02



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**Thank you for submitting your environmental
complaint to CalEPA.**

If this is an emergency, please dial 911 immediately. For hazardous material spill
notification, call the State Warning Center at 1-800-852-7550.

Dear Darryl Cotton,

The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) received your complaint
on 7/2/2026. Your complaint will be referred to the appropriate agency for
investigation. Your complaint tracking number is COMP-68387.

A summary of the information you provided is provided below. If you need to correct any
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Thank you for taking the time to notify us of your concern.

Description: Note on the facility's DTSC record (ID CAL000432214): the Hazardous Waste Tracking System shows manifests only for shop wastes (solvents, waste oil, oil-containing waste, latex, organics) in 2017–2019, plus a single 2021 tank-closure manifest (?4.17 tons), and none since; the annual eVQ ID verification is kept current but reflects no waste activity. No chemical-toilet waste (California waste code 531) is reported. Please determine (a) the facility's hazardous-waste generator compliance given the Unified Program permit lapse and the near-total drop-off in manifesting since 2019, and (b) whether the porta-potty/chemical-toilet waste stream (code 531) requires manifesting, and where it is actually being disposed.

Date/Time of Occurrence: 7/2/2026 12:00 PM

Location Address:

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Location Description (if provided): United Rentals

Responsible Party Name: Perez

Responsible Party Company Name: United Rentals

Responsible Party Address:

6144 Federal Blvd

San Diego, California 92114



Darryl Cotton <151darrylcotton@gmail.com>

Correction to Complaint COMP-68387 — site address and responsible party

1 message

Darryl Cotton <151darrylcotton@gmail.com>
To: complaints@calepa.ca.gov

Thu, Jul 2, 2026 at 12:10 PM

Hello,

I recently submitted environmental complaint **COMP-68387** (received July 2, 2026). Please correct two fields on that complaint:

1. **Location Address** (left blank on my submission): the site of the concern is **6144 Federal Blvd., San Diego, CA 92114**
2. **Responsible Party**: please record the responsible entity as **United Rentals (North America), Inc.**, operating as its **"Reliable Onsite Services"** division (**Branch 70M**), at 6144 Federal Blvd., San Diego, CA 92114 (State hazardous-waste ID **CAL000432214**). David Perez is the on-site branch manager, but the responsible company is United Rentals (North America), Inc.

Everything else in the complaint is accurate as submitted. I'm glad to provide supporting documentation — including a summary of the operation and a corrosion/explosion-risk analysis of the storage tank — to whichever agency the complaint is referred to.

Darryl Cotton
619.954.4447

Analysis of CalEPA Environmental Complaint No. COMP-68387 (routed to DTSC)

Companion analysis to the CalEPA acknowledgment and the follow-up correction that precede it (this file, pp. 1-3)

Re: United Rentals, 6144 Federal Blvd., San Diego, CA 92114 • Complaint filed, acknowledged, and corrected July 2, 2026

Scope — This reviews the CalEPA Environmental Complaint System acknowledgment (p. 1), the complaint summary (p. 2), and the requester's July 2, 2026 correction email (p. 3). Issue-spotting for counsel, not legal advice.

1. What these pages are

Page 1 is the automated acknowledgment CalEPA generated when Cotton filed a hazardous-waste complaint on July 2, 2026: it confirms receipt, assigns tracking number COMP-68387, and states the complaint “will be referred to the appropriate agency for investigation.” Page 2 is the system's summary of the complaint as submitted. Page 3 is Cotton's same-day follow-up email (July 2, 2026, 12:10 p.m., to complaints@calepa.ca.gov) correcting two fields. CalEPA is the state's single front door for environmental complaints; it triages and routes each to the responsible board or department — here, the hazardous-waste framing points to DTSC (and potentially the Regional Water Board). Because Cotton supplied his email, the system will send further notices when the complaint is referred (identifying the handling agency) and when it is closed.

2. What it establishes

A dated, tracked, state-level complaint. COMP-68387 is the first State entry in this record. Every prior filing was local or county (APCD, City IWCP, County HazMat, City Stormwater, City BLUE). Elevating the matter to a CalEPA-tracked complaint creates an independent state paper trail with a tracking number and a built-in referral-and-closure notification loop.

A correctly targeted DTSC framing (p. 2). The complaint description is the narrow, DTSC-appropriate question: given the facility's DTSC record (ID CAL000432214) — manifests only for shop wastes 2017–2019 plus a single 2021 tank-closure load and none since, the eVQ verification kept current but reflecting no waste activity, and no chemical-toilet waste (code 531) reported — (a) is the facility in hazardous-waste generator compliance given the Unified Program permit lapse and the manifest drop-off, and (b) does the porta-potty/chemical-toilet stream (code 531) require manifesting, and where is it disposed. That is squarely within DTSC's lane.

Potential to break the local referral loop. Unlike the local agencies, CalEPA's model is to refer and to tell the complainant which agency took it. If it assigns DTSC (and/or the Regional Water Board), that referral notice will, for the first time, put a name to the office that owns the hazardous-waste / disposal question the local agencies kept passing along — a concrete data point for the Master Government Agency Analysis.

3. The record has been corrected (p. 3)

The original submission left the site “Location Address” blank (p. 2) and named the Responsible Party only as “Perez.” Cotton's July 2, 12:10 p.m. correction email (p. 3) cures both, on the record and time-stamped the same day:

- **Location Address added:** 6144 Federal Blvd., San Diego, CA 92114 — so the referral cannot be slowed or misrouted for want of a site address.

- **Responsible Party corrected:** United Rentals (North America), Inc., operating as its “Reliable Onsite Services” division (Branch 70M), State hazardous-waste ID CAL000432214, with David Perez identified as the on-site branch manager rather than the responsible entity.

The correction email also puts the EPA ID in the CalEPA file (tying the complaint to the DTSC record analyzed at file 5.9.0) and offers to provide the operation summary and the corrosion/explosion analysis to whichever agency receives the referral. With that follow-up, the complaint record is now complete and clean; no further correction is needed. The one open item is voluntary: supplying the fuller supporting documents (the 1.0 summary and the 4.10 corrosion/explosion analysis) once the investigating agency makes contact, as the correction email already offered.

4. What to watch next

- **The referral notice.** CalEPA will send a notice naming the agency it referred COMP-68387 to. Calendar it; that name is the answer to “who owns the hazardous-waste/disposal question.”
- **Pair with the pending records requests.** This complaint asks DTSC to determine where the septage goes; the City IWCP Trucked-Waste and Regional Water Board (Region 9) requests seek the records that would show it. They reinforce each other.
- **Preserve the notices.** Save the referral and closure emails as they arrive; like the acknowledgment and correction here, they are dated, independent, state-level documentation that extend this record.

5. Bottom line

COMP-68387 does exactly what it should: it converts the DTSC/code-531 question into a tracked state complaint that CalEPA must route and report back on, framed within DTSC's jurisdiction — and the same-day correction email has already cleaned up the two intake fields, so the record stands complete. Its main value is procedural — a state-level owner and a notification loop the local agencies never provided — plus the strategic possibility that the coming referral notice finally identifies the responsible office. The live task is simply to watch for that referral notice and to have the supporting documents ready for the assigned investigator.

Prepared as internal issue-spotting, not legal advice. Pages 1-2 are an automated receipt, not an agency determination; nothing here predicts the outcome of CalEPA's referral or DTSC's review.