

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION**

**STAFF SUMMARY REPORT (Chuck Headlee)
MEETING DATE: May 10, 2006**

ITEM: 10

SUBJECT: Site Cleanup Program – Status Report

DISCUSSION: The attached report describes our Region’s Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program and Spills Leaks, Investigations, and Cleanup (SLIC) Program, summarizing their purpose, program authorities, current resources available, work elements, achievements, and program challenges and opportunities (Appendix A).

The two programs went into effect in the late 1980s in response to the significant number of leaking underground fuel storage tanks and waste solvent tanks initially discovered in the early 1980s. The programs’ intent is to protect human health and the environment from discharges of hazardous substances from leaking USTs and other industrial spills and leaks.

We have faced evolving challenges in implementing these programs in the past, such as addressing an ever-lengthening list of contaminants spilled or the threat to drinking water supplies from leaks of the fuel additive, MtBE, to soil and groundwater. Our programs have responded to become more robust as we successfully dealt with these challenges. Some of the programmatic and technical challenges we are currently facing are:

- increased public participation needs
- vapor intrusion into indoor-air concerns
- risk-based corrective action opportunities
- risk assessment, Environmental Screening Levels, and risk management implementation
- Brownfield site oversight and implementation of the Brownfield MOA

This report emphasizes the contributions staff have made to not only this Board’s cleanup programs but to the leadership role this Board’s staff have taken in the effort to make these statewide cleanup programs more robust. We expect this Board will continue to be in the forefront of statewide innovations to deal with the changes and challenges facing us.

**RECOMMEN-
DATION:**

This report is presented for information purposes only.

Appendix A: Status Report on UST and SLIC Programs