

Lahontan Water Board Program Fact Sheet FY 2014-15

Underground Storage Tank (UST)

Overview

The UST program protects public health and safety and the environment from releases of petroleum and other hazardous substances from UST systems. The program is administered by the State Water Board and consists of four program elements: leak prevention, cleanup, enforcement, and tank tester licensing. The Region receives approximately 3.0 PYs for FY 14/15 to oversee the cleanup element of the UST program. Approximately 85% of the funding is provided through the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund and the remaining 15% is provided by the federal government.

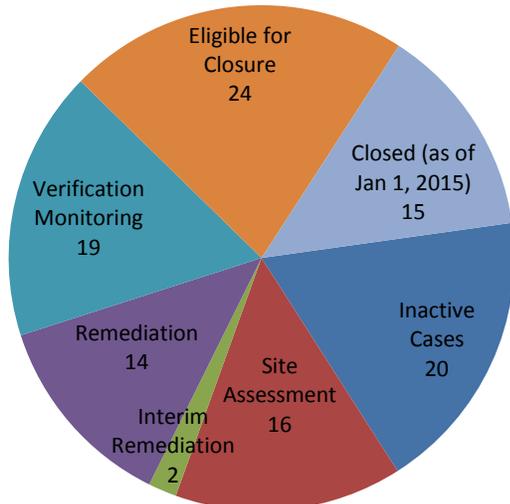
On July 1, 2014, there were 110 open UST cleanup cases in the region. Due to the maturity of the program, most high threat cases have been addressed and the remaining caseload is made up primarily of legacy cases and is shrinking. Only one case has a domestic well currently impacted above primary drinking water standards; however, six cases are still considered to be potential threats to water supply wells. Free product also remains at approximately 10 sites.

Goals

The highest priority for the UST Program is to implement the “Plan for Implementation of Low Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy and Additional Program Improvements”. The focus of the work is to identify and close UST cases meeting Policy criteria, aggressively work on the remaining high-threat cases, and identify impediments to closure at the remaining cases.

On September 25, 2014, the Governor signed Senate Bill 445 (SB 445) into law. SB 445 extended the UST Cleanup Fund sunset date to January 1, 2026 and made significant changes to the UST Cleanup Fund. Staff will evaluate the changes in the bill and recommend actions to best utilize potential funding opportunities for the program within the Region.

Case Status



Cases by County

