

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

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT – Chuck Headlee
MEETING DATE: August 13, 2008

ITEM: 5.I

SUBJECT: **CLEANUP PROGRAMS - Case Closure Status Report**

CHRONOLOGY: The Board receives semi-annual status reports on this subject

DISCUSSION: As was noted in our April 2008 report to the Board, the cleanup programs (underground storage tank, site cleanup, and federal facilities) are developing new ways to measure progress. Specifically, we are moving away from “output” tracking (such as number of reports reviewed) to tracking progress in meeting performance measures. Examples of the cleanup programs performance measures include:

- Percent of cases where pollution migration has been controlled;
- Percent of cases where a protective cleanup plan has been approved and implemented; and
- Number of cases closed following completion of site cleanup.

Currently the only performance measure that can be easily tracked is the number of cases closed. Case closures are a general way of measuring that contamination has been removed from the environment, threats to human health and water quality have been ameliorated, and land is now available for productive reuse. In addition, case closures free-up staff resources to work on new cases.

Last fiscal year our goal in the Underground Storage Tank program was to close 30 cases; we closed 36. In the Site Cleanup Program, where cases are generally more complex, our goal was to close 6 cases and we closed 10. Closures of underground-tank cases at federal facilities are currently not represented in this count. As GeoTracker (the statewide database for the cleanup programs) continues to be upgraded, and the federal facility information is added to it, future reports to the Board will show progress in the Department of Defense program. As we are able to track the more performance measures, we will report on those as well.

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This is an information item only and no action is necessary.