



Fact Sheet

Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Contamination Orphan Site Cleanup Fund

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GENERAL

Senate Bill (SB) 1161, effective January 2009, established the Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Contamination Orphan Site Cleanup Fund (OSCF). The OSCF is a grant program that provides financial assistance to eligible applicants to cleanup “**brownfield sites**” contaminated by petroleum underground storage tanks (USTs) where there is no financially responsible party. The OSCF Program received \$30,000,000 and will sunset on January 1, 2016. The maximum available per OSCF claim is \$1.5 million per eligible occurrence.

BROWNFIELD SITES

The OSCF statutes define brownfield in Section 25395.20(2)(A) of the Health & Safety Code. A brownfield site is defined by the following criteria:

The site is located in an urban area. An urban area means the central portion of a city or a group of contiguous cities with a population of 50,000 or more, together with adjacent densely populated areas having a population density of at least 1,000 persons per square mile.

The site was previously the site of an economic activity that is no longer in operation at that location.

The site has been vacant or has had no occupant engaged in year-round economically productive activities for a period of not less than the 12 months previous to the date of application applying for a grant.

APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY PROCESS

An application process is used to identify eligible projects. All interested parties seeking OSCF grant money are requested to complete and submit an OSCF application for review. Main application requirements include:

Subject	Requirements
Eligible Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not qualify for the UST Cleanup Fund. • Did not cause or contribute to release. • Has no affiliation with a person who caused or contributed to the release.
Eligible Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must qualify as a Brownfield, • Principal source of contamination is from a petroleum UST.
Financially Responsible Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No financially responsible party has been identified to pay for the cleanup costs.

OSCF PRIORITY LIST

All eligible applicants are placed on the OSCF Priority List based on the date the application was received. Grant Funding is based on availability of funds.

GRANT FUNDING

The OSCF issues Assessment and Cleanup Grants to eligible applicants. Applicants can obtain multiple grants by filing one OSCF application.

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OSCF PROGRAM INFORMATION

All OSCF information including the **Regulations** and **Application** are available at the following website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/oscf.shtml

Interested Parties:

Signup and subscribe to the OSCF electronic mailing list to be notified of future OSCF updates at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml