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## State Water Resources Control Board

February 2, 2012

To: Underground Storage Tank (UST) Cleanup Fund (Fund) Claimants

Re: Implementation of Assembly Bill [\(AB\) 358](#), Filing Deadline for Reimbursement

[AB 358](#) was an urgency bill that became effective on October 8, 2011. The bill makes the following changes:

- Expands requirements for reporting information about unauthorized releases
- Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to close cases or require case closure for sites in the jurisdiction of a local implementing agency
- Requires Fund claimants to file reimbursement requests within 365 days of the date of issuance of a site closure letter from the regulatory agency or within 365 days of issuance of a Letter of Commitment from the Fund, whichever occurs later
- Modifies the No Further Action (NFA) letter to include language notifying the responsible party(ies) of the 365-day deadline to file requests for reimbursement from the Fund
- Limits the annual reimbursement of costs for sites where the UST Cleanup Fund Manager has recommended a site closure.

The complete text of the bill can be viewed at: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>.

What this means to you:

Effective immediately, claimants who have active Letters of Commitment from the Fund and who have been issued a No Further Action letter from the regulatory agency will have 365-days from the date of this letter to submit their cleanup costs to the Fund for reimbursement.

You must ensure that all remediation costs, including monitoring well destruction/abandonment costs and case closure costs have been submitted to the Fund for reimbursement prior to the 365-day deadline. Unless authorized by statute, the Fund will not reopen your claim or reimburse costs submitted after the established deadline.

If you have additional questions, please visit our website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ustcf/docs/ab358faq.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/docs/ab358faq.pdf)