

Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund

Technical Services Units
Who We Are
What We Do at the Fund

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5 Year Review Program

Health & Safety Code Section 25299.39.2

- Claims with active LOC 5 years or > 78%
- Claims with active LOC 10 years or > 43%
- Claims with active LOC 15 years or > 8%

% based on ~ 4,300 active claims

LOC = Letter of Commitment



Five-Year Review Results

- As of 12/31/09, ~3400 reviews conducted
- Reviews Comprised of:
 - ~2100 1st Case Review
 - ~1000 2nd Case Review
 - ~ 300 3rd Case Review

Review Results	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
– Continue Course of Action:	25%	35%	30%
– Change Course of Action:	50%	45%	40%
– Consider Case Closure:	25%	20%	30%

Five-Year Review

Recent Developments

- 10 Case Closure Summaries Prepared for State Board Public Hearing
- 3 Cases Closed by Regional Board before State Board Public Hearing
- 7 Case Closures Adopted by State Board on **January 19, 2010**
- 10 to 15 Case Closure Summaries to be Presented at April 2010 Board Hearing

USTCF Technical Services

- Fund Program Support
- Claim Technical Management
- Fund & Regulator Coordination
- Appeals
- Special Projects



Fund Program Support

- Claim Eligibility Review
 - Multiple Releases v. 2nd Occurrence
 - Above Ground Tanks Present
 - Non-Petroleum Constituents Detected
 - Offsite Sources Identified
- Special Accounts
 - Commingled Plumes
 - EAR-Emergency, Abandoned & Recalcitrant Sites
 - OSCF/AARA-Orphan Site Cleanup



Claim Technical Management

- Pre-Approvals (PAs) – Conventional
- Remediation Effectiveness Review
- Follow-Up 5 Year Reviews Where Additional Corrective Action Was Recommended
- Reimbursement Review



Fund & Regulator Coordination Pilot Project

- **Eric Swenson, Merced Co. LOP Program Coordinator**
- Fund, Regulator, Consultant/RP Agree to Extended Scope of Work and Budget Up Front
- All Work Fits Roadmap to Closure



Appeals

- FMDs – Fund Manager Decisions
- FDDs – Final Division Decisions
- Petitions – Final level of Appeal
- Appeals – 2 Primary Kinds
 - Claim Eligibility Disputes
 - Reimbursement Disputes



Special Projects

- Equipment Working Group
- Site Visits & Equipment Verification
- Cost Guidelines Revision
- LUFT Manual Revision
- Article 11 Revision
(CCR, title 23, Div 3, Ch. 16, UST Regs.)
- Fraud, Waste & Abuse



Technical Services Mission & Goals

- **MISSION** - Proactive v. Reactive
- **GOALS for 2010**
- Fund & Regulator Coordination Project
 - Expand to Many More Claims
- Much Greater Interface with Public
- Expand Fund Tab in Geotracker



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THANKS!

For additional info:

Cleanup Fund Web Site:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_ issues/programs/ustcf/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/)

