

State Water Resources Control Board

Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund Update: Expedited Claim Account Program (ECAP) (July 7, 2015)

The Expedited Claim Account Program (ECAP) is a new program established by [SB 445 \(Hill, 2014\)](#) intended to reduce the overall cost for site cleanup and the time to reach closure by increasing coordination with the regulators, claimants and their consultants, and the UST Cleanup Fund (Fund). The ECAP will implement a Pilot Project that requires establishment of project milestones, cost estimates for multi-year funding plans, and reimbursement submission schedules. The following provides some information about the new program and the Pilot Project.

Documents posted on the ECAP webpage:

- [PowerPoint updated from the April 20 stakeholder meeting](#)
- [Spreadsheet showing ECAP Priorities and number of candidate claims in each group, as described in the PowerPoint](#)
- [List of candidate claims that meet at least one of the proposed ECAP Pilot Project criteria](#)

COMING SOON:

- Candidate claims listed by ECAP Priority Group
- Draft Implementation Plan
- ECAP Kickoff

~~~HELPFUL LINKS~~~

ECAP Webpage: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/ecap.shtml

~~~CONTACT US~~~

If you have any questions, please contact us by:

Email to: ustcleanupfund@waterboards.ca.gov

Subject Line: "ECAP"

Email inquiries will be responded to within 24 hours.

Telephone Message Line: 1-800-813-Fund (3863)

Telephone messages will be responded to within 48 hours.

~~~**KEEP INFORMED**~~~

**Sign Up to Get Email Alerts**, select “Cleanup Fund” at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/ust\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/ust_subscribe.shtml).

**New Law Protects Cleanup Fund from Fraud. To Report Fraud:**

Call: 1-800-813-FUND (3863) or

Email: [ReportFraud@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ReportFraud@waterboards.ca.gov)

**Fund Information on the Web:** [www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ustcf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf).

Information on Fund claim applications, reimbursement requests, budgets, other UST funding programs (Emergency Abandoned or Recalcitrant Program, Orphan Site Cleanup Fund; and implementation of new SB 445 programs, e.g., Expedited Cleanup Account Program (ECAP); and Site Cleanup Subaccount Program (SCAP). *If you cannot find information on the web,*

**Email your detailed questions** to: [USTcleanupfund@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:USTcleanupfund@waterboards.ca.gov).

**Single Wall Tank Owners:**

Deadline to remove single wall tanks is **December 31, 2025**.

RUST Program funding is available for small businesses for removal, replacement, and upgrade of petroleum USTs if you apply prior to UST removal. *For RUST information*, go to:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ustcf/rust.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/rust.shtml). UST Cleanup Fund may be available, if the USTs released petroleum, for reimbursement of corrective action costs. Apply early to determine eligibility. *For UST Cleanup Fund information*, go to: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ustcf/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/).

**DO NOT DELAY!**

**New Groundwater Quality Funding Programs:** New laws created additional funding programs. For new information regarding SB 445 SCAP and Proposition 1, go to:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/#](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/#).