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To: School Districts with Fund Priority Class D Claims and Interested Parties

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) CLEANUP FUND (FUND), INFORMATION ON NEW SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNT FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH FUND PRIORITY CLASS D CLAIMS

The Fund was established in 1989 by the State Legislature to provide reimbursement of expenses up to \$1.5 million for the cleanup of soil and groundwater contamination resulting from leaking petroleum USTs. Potential eligible claimants include school districts that may have had leaking petroleum USTs at their maintenance yards, bus barns, or other facilities.

As you may know, a new \$30 million School District Account was recently created within the Fund as a result of Assembly Bill 2729. This bill transfers \$10 million worth of appropriations for Fiscal Years 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2011-12 into the School District Account and authorizes the Fund, managed within the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), to pay Priority Class D claims filed by school districts. Priority Class D is the lowest within the Fund's 4-class priority system, A through D. Because of the number of active claims in the higher priority classes, very limited funding has historically been available to Priority Class D claims for school districts until the creation of this account.

Funds from the School District Account must be obligated by June 30, 2012. When funds from the School District Account have been exhausted, or the June 30, 2012 deadline is reached, claims that require additional funding will be reinstated on the Fund's Priority List in their initial Priority placement. The bill repeals the provisions establishing the account on July 1, 2014. Claims placed back on the Priority List will be funded when the Priority and rank of the claim are reachable and funds are available.

The first Letters of Commitment (LOCs) for Priority Class D claims under the School District Account will be issued after July 1, 2009. Note that the bill does not include provisions for funding Priority Class C claims for school districts that may have had their LOCs recently suspended due to the Fund's recent cash flow problems.

If you are a Priority Class D and currently have a LOC, submit your reimbursement requests to take advantage of the School District Account. Beginning July 1, 2009, your reimbursement request will be processed and funded through the School District Account.

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If you have not received a LOC, and need assistance with pending eligibility items or need a status of your claim, please contact your Claim reviewer. Visit the Fund's web page at www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/ for a list of Claim reviewers and their phone numbers or call the Fund's 800 number at 1-800-813-FUND.

If you have questions concerning your reimbursement request, please contact Ms. Audrey Shimizu at (916) 341-5529.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana Romero". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diana Romero, Manager
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cc: UST Regulatory Agency (via e-mail only)

