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## State Water Resources Control Board

March 16, 2018

**SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CLOSURE OF SINGLE-WALLED UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEMS**

To: Underground Storage Tank Owner or Operator

Single-walled underground storage tanks (USTs), including single-walled piping, must be permanently closed in accordance with Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25292.05 by December 31, 2025. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) have begun the *Single-Walled Underground Storage Tank Closure Initiative* (Initiative) to assist owners/operators in meeting their single-walled closure obligations.

Through the Initiative, U.S. EPA contractor, Redhorse Corporation (Redhorse) is reaching out to single-walled UST owners/operators that may be eligible for grants or loans through the Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks (RUST) Program. Redhorse will assist UST owners/operators with identifying financial resources available and completing RUST grant and loan applications for closing single-walled systems. For those owners/operators who desire, Redhorse will also assist with RUST grant and loan applications for newly installed double-walled systems.

RUST grants and loans are available to UST owners/operators in financing up to 100 percent of the costs necessary to remove, or replace UST systems. Grants up to \$70,000 are available to eligible UST owners/operators. An additional \$140,000 in RUST grants may be available for remote public fueling stations for removing and replacing single-walled USTs. Remote public fueling facilities are public fueling stations with no other fueling stations within a 15-mile radius. Please refer to the enclosed funding program fact sheets and applications for additional information.

Three educational workshops have been scheduled with their times and locations listed below. These workshops will include State Water Board staff presentations by the UST Leak Prevention program on design, construction, and closure requirements; RUST program on loan/grant funding opportunities available to assist eligible small business owners/operators; and cleanup fund on funding available to assist eligible owners/operators with cleaning up petroleum-related contamination. Registration to attend the workshops is not required.

**Workshop Dates and Locations:**

March 26, 2018, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Alameda Public Library

1550 Oak Street

Alameda, California 94501

April 20, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works

900 South Fremont Avenue

Alhambra, California 91803

April 26, 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Olive Drive Fire Training Facility

5642 Victor Street

Bakersfield, California 93308

Please direct questions regarding the educational workshops to  
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Information detailing the single-walled UST closure deadline and requirements can be found at:  
[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/single\\_walled/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/single_walled/). Information on the RUST program  
grant/loan program including, fact sheets, applications, and eligibility requirements, can be  
found at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ustcf/rust.shtml](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/rust.shtml).

Sincerely,



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Office of Tank Tester Licensing

Attachment: *Rust Grant Fact Sheet and Application*  
*Rust Loan Fact Sheet and Application*

cc: [Via email only]

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