
State Water Resources Control Board

PROPOSED WATER QUALITY CONTROL POLICY FOR LOW-THREAT UST CLOSURE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS AND AVAILABILITY OF SCOPING DOCUMENT FOR CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT SUBSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

A Draft Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank (UST) Closure Policy (Policy) has been developed by a stakeholder group for consideration by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). The purpose of the proposed Policy is to establish consistent statewide closure criteria for low-threat leaking UST sites. The proposed Policy is intended to provide direction to responsible parties, their service providers, and regulatory agencies. The proposed Policy seeks to increase UST cleanup process efficiency. A benefit of improved efficiency is the preservation of limited resources for mitigation of releases posing a greater threat to human and environmental health.

The adoption of policies for water quality control has been certified as an exempt regulatory program under the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that the State Water Board has scheduled public scoping meetings at the locations and times listed below to gather input from public agencies and interested persons on the scope and content of the environmental documentation to be prepared for this project. Recipients of this notice are encouraged to inform others who are interested in UST cleanup issues about this notice.

Wednesday, September 28, 2011 – 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Riverside County Supervisor Chambers
County Administration Center
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Thursday, September 29, 2011 – 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Auditorium
San Francisco Bay Water Board
1515 Clay Street
Oakland, CA 94612

AVAILABILITY OF SCOPING DOCUMENT

The scoping document contains a general summary of the proposed Policy, as well as the environmental setting and preliminary discussion of potential environmental impacts. The scoping document will be available on September 21, 2011, for viewing and download from the State Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/lt_cls_plcy.shtml

The purpose of the scoping document and scoping meetings is to seek input from public agencies and members of the public on the range of project actions, alternatives, and reasonably foreseeable methods of compliance, potential environmental impacts, if any, and cumulative impacts, if any. Scoping may also assist in resolving concerns of affected federal, state, and local agencies and other interested persons. Although a quorum of the State Water Board may be present, the State Water Board will not take an action during the meeting.

Paper copies of the scoping document will be available on September 21, 2011, upon request by writing to:

Jennifer Scholte
Division of Water Quality
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2231, Sacramento, CA 95812

You may also contact Ms. Scholte at (916) 341-5775 (jscholte@waterboards.ca.gov).

The scoping document is being made available for a 45 day public review and comment period. Comment letters should be limited to environmental issues concerning the scoping document for the proposed Policy and **must be received by 12:00 noon on November 8, 2011**. After the deadline, State Water Board staff will not accept additional scoping comments.

Please send comments on the scoping document to:

Jennifer Scholte (jscholte@waterboards.ca.gov) (if 15 megabytes in size or less). Electronic submission of comments by email is preferred. Please indicate in the subject line, "**Comment Letter – Low-Threat UST Closure Scoping Document.**" Please identify a contact person who would be available to answer any questions regarding your comments. Comments may also be submitted by mail or hand delivery addressed to:

Jennifer Scholte
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2231, Sacramento, CA 95812 (by mail)
1001 I Street, 15th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (by hand delivery)

Hand and special deliveries should also be addressed to Ms. Scholte at the address above. Couriers delivering comments must check in with lobby security and have them contact Ms. Scholte at (916) 341-5775 or Mr. Kevin Graves at (916) 341- 5782.

Interested persons are encouraged to subscribe to an email list serve for future notices about the Low-Threat UST Closure Policy at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/ust_subscribe.shtml,
under "General Interest Topics" choose "**UST Low-Threat Closure Policy**".

The email list serve will be the primary method for providing future notices related to the proposed Low-Threat UST Closure Policy. Persons without access to email may request paper copies of future notices by contacting Ms. Scholte.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For the Riverside meeting a parking garage is located adjacent to the County Administration Center with an entrance on Lemon and another on Lime Streets. Metered parking spaces are also available in the vicinity of the building.

The County Administration Center is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Tanya Cole at (916) 341-5880 (tcole@waterboards.ca.gov) at least five working days prior to the meeting. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device.

HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice 1 800-735-2929; voice to TDD 1-800-735-2922.

For the Oakland meeting a parking garage is located across from the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board Building. Metered parking spaces are also available in the vicinity of the building.

Please note that all visitors to the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board Building are required to sign in at the Visitor Services Center located inside the main entrance. Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level. Please allow up to 15 minutes for receiving clearance before proceeding to the Auditorium on the 1st floor.

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Tanya Cole at (916) 341-5880 (tcole@waterboards.ca.gov), at least five working days prior to the meeting. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device.

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Please direct any questions about this notice to Kevin Graves, UST Program Manager, at (916) 341-5782 (kgraves@waterboards.ca.gov).