

Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund Program

Expedited Claim Account Program (ECAP)

The Expedited Claim Account Program (ECAP) was created by California Senate Bill No. 445 to evaluate and reduce the overall cost for site cleanup and the time to reach regulatory case closure by increasing coordination with regulators, claimants and their consultants, and the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Cleanup Fund. In 2015, the UST Cleanup Fund transferred \$100 million to ECAP to facilitate the reimbursement of eligible corrective actions costs resulting from these increased coordination efforts. Of the \$100 million, \$26.8 million remains for reimbursement.

ECAP Program Status

- Since inception, a total of 311 claims have been accepted into ECAP. Of these claims, 241 remain active and 70 have been closed.

| Budget Summary | Amount |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Actual Expenditure | \$73.2M |
| ECAP Funds Remaining | \$26.8M |
| Total Allocated for ECAP | \$100M |

As of January 2024, ECAP has expended \$73.2 million, with another \$10.1 million allocated for active claims pending reimbursement. A total of \$16.7 million remains for new claims to ECAP. The table below provides a more detailed breakdown of reimbursement requests (RRs) that have been paid per year since program inception.

| Fiscal Year | RR's Paid |
|--------------|---------------------|
| FY 16 | \$3,498,729 |
| FY 17 | \$9,457,108 |
| FY 18 | \$6,846,397 |
| FY 19 | \$14,010,324 |
| FY 20 | \$10,418,520 |
| FY 21 | \$12,192,494 |
| FY 22 | \$10,735,415 |
| FY 23 | \$5,985,677 |
| Total | \$73,144,664 |

(Data as of January 18, 2024)