

FUND UPDATE

November 7, 2012

The State Water Board adopted on November 6, 2012, a Resolution “Directing Additional Actions to Improve the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Program” and approved a “Plan for Implementation of Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy and Additional Program Improvements (Plan)”. When available, the certified Resolution can be found at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/res12.shtml.

The Resolution and Plan acknowledge recent changes in the fiscal and regulatory environment related to corrective action at USTs. The Resolution directs certain actions of the State and Regional Water Boards and local agencies to effectively and efficiently manage UST cases so that they no longer pose a significant impact on human health, safety or the environment and meet the criteria of the Low Threat UST Case Closure Policy or Resolution No. 92-49. The focus of the actions is to close cases that currently meet these closure criteria and to develop and implement “Path to Closure Plans,” as described in the Plan, for cases that do not yet meet case closure criteria. Higher priority for future corrective action should be given to cases that have affected beneficial uses of drinking water wells, have caused significant threat to human health, have free product, or where corrective action is critical prior to sunset of the UST Cleanup Fund.