

**UST CLEANUP FUND PROGRAM UPDATE:
CLAIM ACTIVATION
March 19, 2014**

ACTIVATING PRIORITY C CLAIMS

The UST Cleanup Fund (Cleanup Fund) will begin activating Priority C claims that are currently on the Priority List. To activate these claims, additional documents must be submitted to the Cleanup Fund. Letters of Commitment (LOCs) are issued when these documents are received and approved by the Cleanup Fund. In some cases, issuance of an LOC can take several months; therefore, timely response to Cleanup Fund letters requesting documentation is likely to result in more timely issuance of an LOC.

Law requires the Cleanup Fund to reimburse claimants in priority class order. The Fund continues to reimburse corrective action costs for Priority A and B claims with open regulatory cases. Activation of Priority C claims is likely to improve the rate of corrective action for cases with Priority C claims as well.

There are currently fewer than 100 Priority C claims on the Priority List. The number of active claims (LOCs issued) that have been reimbursed for all eligible costs and subsequently closed during the last 12 months has dropped by approximately 400 claims. In addition, twice that number of active claims have been identified by the regulatory agencies as currently eligible for case closure. Case closure costs tend to be much lower than other corrective action costs, and following case closure, these claims will also close. As a result, funds are becoming available for reimbursement of more claims.

For more detailed information, visit the Fund's website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/.