
State Water Resources Control Board

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SUBJECT: Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy (Effective August 17, 2012)

The [Water Quality Control Policy for Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure \(Policy\)](#) adopted by the State Water Board on May 1, 2012 via [Resolution No. 2012-0016](#) became effective August 17, 2012. Additional information regarding the Policy is available on the State Water Board's website at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/lt_cls_plcy.shtml.

The State Water Board [Resolution No. 2012-0016](#) directs each regulatory agency to review all cases within 365 days to determine if any of the cases can be closed under the Policy criteria. These case reviews will, at a minimum, include the following for each UST case:

- a. Determine whether each UST case meets the criteria in the Policy or is appropriate for closure based on a site-specific analysis.
- b. If the case does not meet the Policy criteria or is not low-risk based upon a site-specific analysis, then impediments to closure will be identified.
- c. Each case review will be made publicly available on the State Water Board's GeoTracker website.

Those cases where the State Water Board Fund Manager has recommended under the Five-Year Review process that the regulatory agency pursue closure will be reviewed by State Water Board staff to determine whether the UST case meets the criteria in the Policy. These cases do not require review by the oversight agency. It is anticipated that this will reduce duplication of workload and cost to the UST Cleanup Fund.

These cases with [Five Year Review Site Closure Recommendation](#) are listed on the State Water Board's website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/docs/ust_closure_list.pdf.

Recognize there are disclaimers about the accuracy of the list. All efforts are being made to make the list as accurate as possible and your help is appreciated if you find errors.

The criteria of the Policy are summarized in a [Checklist](#) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/docs/checklist.pdf). Regulatory agencies will be able to use the Checklist in their evaluation of cases against the criteria in the Policy. The Checklist can be used by claimants and responsible parties as a tool to inform your regulatory agency that your site may qualify for closure under the criteria of this Policy. If you believe your case meets the criteria in the Policy, contact your regulator to determine what documentation is required to show your case meets the criteria in the Policy.