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## State Water Resources Control Board

### UST Cleanup Fund Program Update

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#### FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/12

(as of July 11, 2012)

#### Fiscal Year (FY) 2011/12 Annual Site Budgets:

The approved budgets and all budget change orders approved to date for FY 2011/12 are now posted on Fund's website and titled, "Change Order Approval for FY 2011\_12 Budgets".

Remember that annual site budgets are approved for work performed during a specified fiscal year using funds available to the State Water Board during that fiscal year. This means that the FY 2011/12 Annual Site Budget was approved only for work performed during FY 2011/12. The FY 2012/13 Annual Site Budget is approved only for work performed during FY 2012/13.

#### Fiscal Year (FY) 2011/12 Reimbursement Requests:

Reimbursement requests for FY 11/12 claims on annual site budgets are low at year end (\$43 million requested to date out of \$89 million budgeted).

**Costs submitted more than 90 days after the end of the FY 11/12 (September 30, 2012) will be considered late reimbursement requests and become non-budgeted costs.** The UST Cleanup Fund is encouraging claimants to submit reimbursement requests for costs incurred as part of approved site budgets before September 30. Timely submittal of reimbursement requests will avoid unknown delays in reimbursement. Payment of non-budgeted costs is not anticipated unless the situation occurs where funds available to the State Water Board during a fiscal year significantly exceed budgeted costs such as annual site budgets.

#### Payment Status:

Costs Paid to Date for FY 2011/12: To date, the Fund has paid approximately \$99 million of the \$130 million available for non-budgeted/old costs and have approximately another \$25 million in the process of being reviewed and/or paid. The Fund has only paid out roughly \$16.2 million of the \$89 million available for budgeted costs. There are nearly \$27.9 million in the process of being reviewed and paid.

**FAQ'S**

(As of July 12, 2012)

**FISCAL YEAR 2011/12**

Q: Can I use any of the new FY 12/13 approved budget amounts towards the costs already spent pended from FY 11/12 budget?

A: No. FY 11/12 budgets were approved for costs incurred in FY 11/12. FY 12/13 budgets have been approved for costs incurred in FY 12/13.

Q: Will the Fund be issuing any additional approvals of budget change requests for FY 11/12 costs that were pended for being over budget?

A: No. With the beginning of FY12/13, additional budget change requests for FY 11/12 costs cannot be approved.

Q: Are my chances of receiving reimbursement of my pended costs (over budget FY 11/12) any better as a result of submitting a budget change request?

A: No. Over-budget costs are non-budgeted costs. No budget has been identified for reimbursement of over-budget costs during FY 12/13.

Q: Will the Fund be allocating any revenues to FY 11/12 budget changes at the start of the new FY (July 1, 2012), and if so, how much?

A: No. FY 11/12 budgets were approved for costs incurred in FY 11/12. FY 12/13 budgets have been approved for costs incurred in FY 12/13.

Q: Why were budget change requests approved as late as mid-June for work that had not yet been completed?

A. Throughout the year the Fund is notified of claims that do not intend to expend the approved budgets. During FY 11/12 the Fund approved budget change requests late into the year to provide as much funding as possible. Approvals in June were made based on joint regulator and claimant requests for minimal work to perform site close-out work.

For FY 12/13 the Fund has approved initial site budgets and has also budgeted for change orders, especially for remediation start up. Most of the budget for change orders is expected to be approved in the first six months of the fiscal year (by January 1, 2013). However, it is also expected that throughout the year additional funds from claims that do not intend to expend the approved budgets will be available for budget changes. However, in FY 12/13 the last budget change requests will be accepted April 1, 2013. The last budget change approvals will be no later than May 1, 2013.