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NOTICE OF BOARD WORKSHOP

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP FUND DISCUSSION OF FUND CONDITION, DELAY IN REIMBURSEMENTS, AND SUSPENSION OF LETTERS OF COMMITMENT

Monday, March 9, 2009 – 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
Byron Sher Auditorium – Second Floor
1001 “I” Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will conduct a public workshop to receive comments related to the reduction in available funds for reimbursement of corrective action costs for leaking petroleum underground storage tanks (UST). A staff overview on the UST Cleanup Fund (Fund) condition and recent and planned actions taken by the program will be presented. This will be an opportunity for stakeholders and the public to ask questions and comment on the impact these actions have on responsible parties and their consultants and to provide suggestions for improvements in the program. A quorum of the Board may be present. No actions will be taken.

BACKGROUND

The Fund was established in 1989 by the State Legislature to benefit businesses, individuals, and the environment by providing reimbursement for unexpected expenses associated with the cleanup of leaking petroleum USTs. In 1992, the Fund began paying claims for corrective action costs. Since the inception of the program through June 2008, the Fund has paid over 60,000 reimbursement requests totaling \$2.4 billion covering cleanups at more than 9,000 sites.

The Fund's revenues are generated by a storage fee (currently 1.4 cents) for every gallon of petroleum products placed into USTs. The State Board of Equalization collects the fee quarterly from owners of active USTs. Due to high demand for reimbursement payments, a depleted cash reserve, and a dip in program revenue the program has had to take actions to manage available funds in a manner consistent with legislative mandates. Those actions include delays in issuing reimbursement payments, suspension of active Letters of Commitment (LOCs), and delays in issuing new LOCs.

CONTACT

Should you have questions regarding this workshop, please contact Lori Casias, State Water Board, at (916) 341-5650.

PARKING, ACCESSIBILITY, AND SECURITY

For a map to show the location of the Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters building and public parking sites in Sacramento, they are on our website at:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm>.

Due to enhanced security precautions at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, all visitors are required to register and obtain a visitor's pass prior to attending any meeting. Sign-in tables are set up near the public entrance to accommodate large meetings or events. For smaller meetings, visitors must go to the Visitor and Environmental Services Center, located just inside and to the left of the building's public entrance. Depending on their destination and the building's security level, visitors may be asked to show valid picture identification. Valid picture identification can take the form of a current driver's license, military identification card, or state or federal identification card. Depending on the size and number of meetings scheduled on any given day, the security check-in could take from three to fifteen minutes. Please allow adequate time to sign in before being directed to your meeting.

The hearing rooms are accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations for this workshop are requested to contact Lori Casias at (916) 341-5650 or email lcasias@waterboards.ca.gov at least five working days prior to the workshop date. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device. Hearing impaired relay service: TDD to voice 1-800-735-2929; voice to TDD 1-800-735-2922.

February 25, 2009
Date


Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board