

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
 CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
 SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

STAFF SUMMARY REPORT – John Wolfenden  
 MEETING DATE: January 21, 2015

ITEM: **6F**

SUBJECT: **Cleanup Programs – Status Report Including Case Closures**

DISCUSSION: This is a semi-annual status report on the Board’s three cleanup programs: the Underground Storage Tank (UST) Cleanup Program, the Site Cleanup Program (SCP), and the Military Cleanup Program (also known as the Department of Defense or “DOD” program). These programs oversee the investigation and cleanup of soil and groundwater pollution. This report summarizes our mid-fiscal year (FY 14-15) performance measure accomplishments and provides updates on key activities in the cleanup programs.

Performance Measures

The Regional Water Boards have been using performance measures for several years to show the public what our programs accomplish and whether the environment is improving. For the cleanup programs, we have two existing measures and three pending measures. Mid-FY results for the performance measure *Number of Cases Closed* are shown below. This measure indicates the elimination of threats to human health and water quality. We are on track to meet our targets for the full fiscal year, with the exception of the SCP program, where we expect to make up ground in the second half of the fiscal year.

Cleanup Program	FY 14-15 Case Closure		
	Target	Actual*	% of Target
UST	55	26	47%
SCP	30	8	27%
DOD	40**	26	65%
Total	125	60	48%

\*as of December 31

\*\*internal target (no statewide target)

Mid-FY results for the performance measure *Number of Cases Starting Active Remediation* are shown below. This measure indicates the transition from site investigation to actual cleanup, which leads to beneficial uses being restored or protected. We are on track to meet our targets for the full fiscal year, with the exception of the UST program, where we expect to exceed the target.

Cleanup Program	FY 14-15 Cases Starting Active Remediation		
	Target	Actual*	% of Target
UST	15	11	73%
SCP	19	9	47%
DOD	10	4	40%
Total	44	24	55%

\*as of December 31

#### UST Program

In September, the Governor signed Senate Bill 445; this legislation, effective immediately, makes substantial changes to the UST program's funding mechanism. It extends the UST Cleanup Fund's December 2015 sunset date by ten years, to January 2026, and increases the assessment on petroleum stored in USTs from \$0.014 to \$0.020 per gallon. This will provide a significant increase in cleanup money available in our region for petroleum cases. It also requires all single-walled USTs to be permanently closed by 2025. Another provision of the bill dedicates a small portion of the petroleum assessment (up to \$0.003 per gallon) for investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites without regard to the source of contamination, particularly where there are no viable responsible parties. We hope to be able to use this funding source to make progress on some of the "mom and pop" dry cleaner spill sites and other underfunded sites in our region.

Board staff continues to make good progress in closing low-threat UST cases, and we are successfully implementing the State Water Board's new dispute resolution process to resolve differences in case-closure recommendations between our office and the State Water Board. The process has enabled us to resolve our differences on 11 UST cases over the last 6 months.

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DATION:**

This is an information item only and no action is necessary.

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