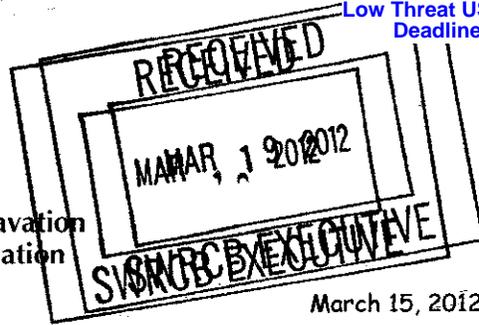




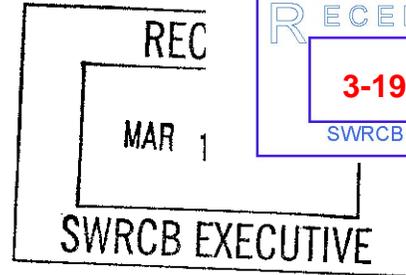
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MR. CHARLES R. HOPPIN, CHAIRMAN
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Re: Draft Low - Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy

Dear Mr. Hoppin:

After reviewing the Draft Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy (Policy) I received, I have read many of the comments regarding the Policy with regards to its plus's and minus's of the Policy. My concerns are how the Policy will affect our already limited sources for drinking water for the state and specifically Southern California and how the state will provide a better plan to what is in place today to protect and conserve our water source, and how it will do so without increasing demands on this resource.

My concerns are the Policy does not discuss the pressures of our current state population on our increasingly limited water supply. Population growth is inevitable and the Policy does not take into account future population growth and additional needs for more clean water. The Southern California region already over-allocates the amounts of water reserved for use at its present population. Please explain how the Policy will not further limit our water supply by allowing increased concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons to remain in soil and groundwater beneath former UST sites. Please explain how this Policy will help to relieve the stress of the current population on our currently limited water supply. Please also explain how this Policy address's future increased populations and increased stress on the same water supply.

I feel that leaving petroleum hydrocarbons in soils or groundwater is not a sound decision within the Southern California groundwater basin with designated uses does not mean that local agencies and local populations will not require additional access to those resources in the future.

Sincerely,

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