



# State Water Resources Control Board

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**REQUEST FOR PRE-APPROVAL OF CORRECTIVE ACTION COSTS,  
CLAIM NO. 016964, PA # 1  
SITE ADDRESS: 1420 162ND AVE, SAN LEANDRO, CA 94578**

I have reviewed your request, received on January 30, 2003, for pre-approval of corrective action costs; I will place these documents in your file for future reference. I have included a copy of the "Cost Pre-Approval Request" form; please use this form in the future for requesting pre-approval of corrective action costs.

Pursuant to Section 2811.4, subdivision (c), of the Cleanup Fund regulations and based upon the materials submitted, the Cleanup Fund must deny your request for pre-approval. It appears that your request is for reimbursement and not pre-approval. It is my understanding that a reimbursement has been submitted to the Fund for review.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me at (916) 341-5757.

Sincerely,

Sunil Ramdass, Water Resources Control Engineer  
Technical Review Unit  
Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Donna Drogos  
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UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CLEANUP FUND (FUND), NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION: CLAIM NUMBER 017199; FOR SITE ADDRESS: 5110 7TH ST- 7TH ST TERMINAL, OAKLAND

Your claim has been accepted for placement on the Priority List in Priority Class "D" with a deductible of \$10,000.

We have completed our initial review. The next step in the claim review process is to conduct a compliance review.

**Compliance Review:** Staff reviews, verifies, and processes claims based on the priority and rank within a priority class. After the Board adopts the Priority List, your claim will remain on the Priority List until your Priority Class and rank are reached. At that time, staff will conduct an extensive Compliance Review at the local regulatory agency or Regional Water Quality Control Board. During this Compliance Review, staff may request additional information needed to verify eligibility. Once the Compliance Review is completed, staff will determine if the claim is valid or must be rejected. If the claim is valid, a Letter of Commitment will be issued obligating funds toward the cleanup. If staff determine that you have not complied with regulations governing site cleanup, you have not supplied necessary information or documentation, or your claim application contains a material error, the claim will be rejected. In such event, you will be issued a Notice of Intended Removal from the Priority List, informed of the basis for the proposed removal of your claim, and provided an opportunity to correct the condition that is the basis for the proposed removal. Your claim will be barred from further participation in the Fund, if the claim application contains a material error resulting from fraud or intentional or negligent misrepresentation.

**Record keeping:** During your cleanup project you should keep complete and well organized records of all corrective action activity and payment transactions. If you are eventually issued a Letter of Commitment, you will be required to submit: (1) copies of detailed invoices for all corrective action activity performed (including subcontractor invoices), (2) copies of canceled checks used to pay for work shown on the invoices, (3) copies of technical documents (bids, narrative work description, reports), and (4) evidence that the claimant paid for the work performed (not paid by another party). These documents are necessary for reimbursement and failure to submit them could impact the amount of reimbursement made by the Fund. *It is not necessary to submit these documents at this time; however, they will definitely be required prior to reimbursement.*

**Compliance with Corrective Action Requirements:** In order to be reimbursed for your eligible costs of cleanup incurred after December 2, 1991, you must have complied with corrective action requirements of Article 11, Chapter 16, Division 3, Title 23, California Code of Regulations. Article 11 categorized the

corrective action process into *phases*. In addition, Article 11 requires the responsible party to submit an *investigative workplan/Corrective Action Plan* (CAP) before performing any work. This phasing process and the workplan/CAP requirements were intended to:

1. help the responsible party undertake the necessary corrective action in a cost-effective, efficient and timely manner;
2. enable the regulatory agency to review and approve the proposed cost-effective corrective action alternative before any corrective action work was performed; and
3. ensure the Fund will only reimburse the most cost-effective corrective action alternative required by the regulatory agency to achieve the minimum cleanup necessary to protect human health, safety and the environment.

In some limited situations *interim cleanup* will be necessary to mitigate a demonstrated immediate hazard to public health, or the environment. Program regulations allow the responsible party to undertake interim remedial action after: (1) notifying the regulatory agency of the proposed action, and; (2) complying with any requirements that the regulatory agency may set. Interim remedial action should only be proposed when necessary to mitigate an immediate demonstrated hazard. ***Implementing interim remedial action does not eliminate the requirement for a CAP and an evaluation of the most cost-effective corrective action alternative.***

**Three bids and Cost Preapproval:** Only corrective action costs required by the regulatory agency to protect human health, safety and the environment can be claimed for reimbursement. You must comply with all regulatory agency time schedules and requirements and you must obtain three bids for any required corrective action. Unless waived in writing, you are required to obtain preapproval of costs for all future corrective action work. ***If you do not obtain three bids or a waiver of the three bid requirement, reimbursement is not assured and costs may be rejected as ineligible.***

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 341-5714.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY**

Shari Knieriem  
Claims Review Unit  
Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund

cc: Mr. Steve Morse  
RWQCB, Region 2  
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After reviewing your claim application to the Cleanup Fund, we find that the following additional information is needed to determine your eligibility for placement on the Priority List:

Copy of **the first** letter from the local regulatory agency naming you a responsible party and directing you to cleanup the contamination at the subject site.

Submit a removal permit for the subject UST listed in claim application.

Please be advised that the Authorized Representative Form is no longer used by the Fund. Please complete the enclosed Power of Attorney.

**NOTE:** Failure to respond to this request within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this letter may result in an ineligibility determination of your claim.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 341-5714.

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SITE ADDRESS: 1420-162ND AVE, SAN LEANDRO

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) is able to issue, pursuant to applicable regulations, the enclosed Letter of Commitment (LOC) in an amount not to exceed \$16,077. This LOC is based upon our review of the corrective action costs you reported to have incurred to date. The LOC may be modified by the State Board.

It is very important that you read the terms and conditions listed in the enclosed LOC. Claims filed with the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund far exceed the funding available and it is very important that you make use of the funding that has been committed to your cleanup in a timely manner.

You are reminded that you must comply with all regulatory agency time schedules and requirements and you must obtain three bids for any required corrective action. Only corrective action costs *required* by the regulatory agency to protect human health, safety and the environment can be claimed for reimbursement. **You are encouraged to obtain preapproval of costs for all future corrective action work (form enclosed).** If you have any questions on obtaining preapproval of your costs or the three bid requirement, please call Sunil Ramdass, our Technical Reviewer assigned to claims in your Region, at (916) 341-5757. Failure to obtain preapproval of your future costs may result in the costs not being reimbursed.

The following documents needed to submit your reimbursement request are enclosed:

Reimbursement Request Instructions and Information packages. **Retain these packages for future reimbursement requests.** These instructions must be followed when seeking reimbursement for corrective action costs incurred after January 1, 1988.

"Reimbursement Request" forms which you **must use to request reimbursement of costs incurred.**

"Spreadsheet" forms which you **must use in conjunction with your reimbursement request.**

**THIS IS IMPORTANT TO YOU, PLEASE NOTE:**

*California Environmental Protection Agency*



You have 90 calendar days from the date of this letter to submit your first reimbursement request for incurred corrective action costs. **NO EXTENSIONS CAN BE GRANTED.** If you fail to do so, your LOC funds will automatically be reduced to zero (deobligated). Once this occurs, any future funds for this site are subject to availability when you submit your first reimbursement request. We continuously review the status of all active claims. You must continue to remain in compliance and submit a reimbursement request every 6 months. Failure to do so will result in the Fund taking steps to withdraw your LOC.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed documents, please contact Toru Okamoto at (916) 341-5649.

Sincerely,



Allan V. Patton, Manager  
Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund

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