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All Underground Storage Tank Owners/Operators

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (OAL) APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING UNDERGROUND STORAGE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES, SUBCHAPTER 16 OF CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 23 OF THE CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

On June 6, 1985, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted regulations governing underground storage of hazardous substances pursuant to a notice of proposed rulemaking published in the California Administrative Notice Register on August 24, 1984. OAL approved the regulations on August 12, 1985, and they became effective August 13, 1985. These regulations will be implemented through permit programs administered by local agencies.

Cities and counties, which prior to January 1, 1984 adopted ordinances implementing statutory standards for underground tanks, are exempt from the provisions of the regulations. However, a number of cities and counties did not adopt such ordinances and are required to implement these regulations. All areas of the state will be covered by a permit program regulating underground tanks. These programs will either conform to these regulations or to a local ordinance.

Enclosed is a list of local agencies responsible for implementing the underground storage tank program. The list includes the name of the person to contact at each local agency for information. If they have not already done so, local agencies should be contacting tank owners about applying for permits to operate or close tanks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward C. Anton".

Edward C. Anton, Chief
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Enclosure