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To: Underground Storage Tank (UST) Cleanup Fund (Fund) School District Claimants and Interested Parties

IMPORTANT NOTICE – UPDATES TO REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNT

On November 4, 2009, the Governor signed Assembly Bill (AB) 1188 (Ruskin), which made several updates to the administration of the Fund's School District Account. This letter is to notify you of those updates.

- **Background.** The School District Account was originally established in 2008 by AB 2729 (Ruskin) to assist the large Priority Class D school district claims for reimbursement of corrective action costs associated with soil and groundwater contamination for leaks from their petroleum USTs. AB 2728 transferred \$10 million per year from the Fund into the School District Account over three fiscal years (FYs), FY 2009-10 through FY 2011-12, for a total of \$30 million. AB 1188 does not change the School District Account funding.
- **Eligibility of Priority Class B and C School District Claims.** AB 1188 expands the eligibility of the School District Account to add Priority Class B and C school district claims.
- **Payment Processing Order.** Payments will be made from the School District Account in Priority Class order by date of receipt of the Reimbursement Request (RR) package. Effective immediately, the Fund will process any RRs in-house for eligible school district claims.
- **Lifting Letter of Commitment (LOC) Suspensions for Priority Class C and D School District Claims.** Since these claims can be reimbursed from the School District Account, the Fund is lifting the LOC Suspensions for the affected school district claims. Priority Class C and D school districts that had their LOC suspended can now submit new RR packages effective immediately.

Fund related information, including regular updates on the status of payments and the balance of the School District Account, can be found on the web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/.

If you have questions, please contact the Fund at (800) 813-FUND (3863) or by e-mail at USTCleanupFund@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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