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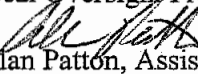


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TO: Regional Water Board Executive Officers
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FROM: 
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DATE: September 27, 2005

SUBJECT: **REVISED** - NEW PROGRAM – ORPHAN SITE CLEANUP ACCOUNT (OSCA)
FOR CLEANUP OF PETROLEUM CONTAMINATION FROM LEAKING
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS LOCATED AT BROWNFIELD SITES

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you of a new grant Program in the Special Programs Unit of the Division of Financial Assistance. The new Program, the Orphan Site Cleanup Account (OSCA), was added to Chapter 6.75 of the California Health and Safety Code effective January 1, 2005 (AB 1906 Lowenthal). **This memorandum supersedes my memo dated September 22, 2005.**

The OSCA Program was created to encourage the cleanup of “brownfield” petroleum underground storage tank contaminated sites where there is no financially responsible party. These sites represent a special problem because they prevent and delay community redevelopment. The OSCA Program will provide financial assistance to eligible applicants for cleanup at these sites.

The OSCA Program will receive a \$10,000,000 per year appropriation for fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007. Due to statutory time limitations, we will encourage timely cleanups and request the assistance of regulatory oversight staff to support expeditious site cleanups.

An application process will be used to determine eligible projects. OSCA grants will be issued to eligible applicants based on the availability of funds and their placement on the OSCA Priority List. Main application requirements include:

Subject	Requirements
Eligible Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not qualify for the UST Cleanup Fund. Did not cause or contribute to release. Has no affiliation to a responsible party who caused or contributed to the release.
Eligible Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must qualify as a brownfield. Principal source of contamination is from a petroleum UST
Financially Responsible Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No financially responsible party has been identified to pay for the cleanup costs

If you are aware of any sites that may qualify, you are encouraged to notify responsible parties or other potentially qualifying applicants of the new Program.

A proposed timeline is identified below:

October 2005	OSCA Emergency Regulations adopted by State Water Board
December 2005	OSCA Application Packages mailed to interested parties
March 2006	State Water Board adopts OSCA Priority List
April 2006	OSCA begins funding applications

An OSCA Program Information Fact Sheet will be electronically sent or mailed to the UST Cleanup Fund Interested Party Mailing List. OSCA Program information will also be posted at the following website: www.waterboards.ca.gov/cwphome/ustf. OSCA Application packages will be available on line and will be mailed to interested parties upon request.

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