

Revised Budget Category Process

Effective July 1, 2011, all active claims in Priority Classes A, B, and C will begin implementation of a pre-approved annual budget and scope of work (SOW). In order to begin annual budgets next July 1, 2010, Fund technical staff has placed each active A, B, and C claim in one of five budget categories. Budget categories generally correspond to corrective action work phases:

- SWI = Soil and Groundwater Investigation;
- RS/IRA = Remedy Selection and/or Interim Remedial Action;
- CAP/REM = Active Remediation based on an approved CAP;
- VM = Verification Monitoring following remediation and/or long-term monitoring;
- SC = Site Closeout (Formerly-No Further Action).

Fund technical staff has used the following kinds of information to place each claim in a budget category (including but not limited to):

- Assessment of most recent documents in Geotracker such as:
 - Monitoring Reports
 - Corrective Action Plans (CAP)
 - Remedial Action Start-Up Reports
 - Operation and Maintenance Reports
 - Regional Board Orders
 - No Further Action Letters
- Evaluation of latest Five Year Review conducted for the site; and
- Contact with consultants or claimants when Geotracker information appeared incomplete or out of date.

The Budget Category Table has been revised for active A, B and C claims. The revisions were based on the requests for budget category changes received by the Fund through November 5, 2010. The revised table has been posted at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/technicalformsinfo.shtml.

Annual budget allotments for the next fiscal year have not yet been finalized. However, during the next few months, the Fund will begin requesting annual budgets and one-page project narratives for each claim. The Fund will be posting a master schedule of annual budget activities in December 2010. At the current time, we expect to first review claims in the CAP/REM category that are in Operation and Maintenance phase.

Please remember that these budget categories represent an assessment of where the Fund believes your site will be in the corrective action process beginning with the next State fiscal year. Also, please note that Priority Class D claims are already limited to 14% minimum by statute, and have therefore been excluded from the categorization and budget allocation process for now.