**Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund**

**Fiscal Year 2014/15 Site Budgets**

(April 8, 2014)

Fiscal Year (FY) 2014/15 Preliminary Site Budgets for Priority A, B, C, and certain

D claims were posted October 22, 2013.

The FY 2014/15 Initial Site Budgets for claims that do not have a closed case have been increased by 10 percent from their FY 2014/15 Preliminary Site Budgets. The Initial Site Budgets are posted on the Fund’s website at: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/>.

The increase in the Initial Site Budgets recognizes the increase in unit costs in the updated portion of the Cost Guidelines. Similar to the issuance of Letters of Commitment for Priority C claims on the Priority List, the Fund is able to increase site budgets was due to the following:

* Active claims are closing as a result of case closures, so a large number of claims no longer have a demand on the Fund
* Active claims are not submitting Reimbursement Requests for the amounts set aside in earlier years’ Annual Site Budgets
* Revenues exceed estimates. (Fee revenues are expected to start dropping as a result of the fee decrease.)