CALIFORNIA’S STALLED UST CASE INITIATIVE

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UST cleanup cases where cleanup and investigation activities are not progressing the site toward closure.
- Caseworkers tend to focus on the easy cases
- Low-Threat Closure Policy
- Over 93 percent of all cases Closed
- Stalled cases = more time and money

**Why are there stalled cases?**
Launched Stalled Case Initiative, which includes working with lead oversight agencies to get these cases moving forward.

- Recognize stalled cases
- Identify and locate responsible parties
- Send out directives and violations
- Assist with funding applications
- Complete limited-scope investigations
Funding options available in California

- Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (UST Fund)
- Orphan Site Cleanup Fund (OSCF)
- Emergency, Abandoned, and Recalcitrant Account Program (EAR)
- Site Cleanup Subaccount Program (SCAP)
- Federal EPA UST Grant (EPA Grant)
WHAT HAVE WE ACCOMPLISHED?

- 66 enforceable directives
- 11 cases with formal enforcement
- 52 cases with new fieldwork
- 37 cases closed
- 18 cases proposed for closure
QUESTIONS?

More information at the State Water Board UST Program website:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/lt_cls_plcy.html

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