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MEMORANDUM

TO: Responsible Parties, Environmental Service Companies, and Consultants

FROM: Art Barnhardt, UST Section Chief 

SUBJECT: Commercial UST Funding Prioritization Schedule Expansion – I-110 and above

Recent efforts to further promote cost-effective assessment and remediation strategies at active incidents have produced sufficient results to allow for an expansion of the Commercial UST Cleanup Fund to capture additional sites.

Effective February 1, 2016, the funding prioritization schedule for the Commercial Cleanup Fund shall be adjusted to include all **Intermediate Risk** sites with a *Risk, Rank, and Abatement* score of **110** or above. Following this date, the UST Section will begin issuing Notices of Regulatory Requirement (NORRs) to responsible parties (RPs) for those inactive incidents that meet these criteria. The NORR will specifically require that the site risk be reevaluated before any additional assessment or corrective actions may be approved. Additional tasks may be directed following the completion of this reevaluation if the site remains within the funding prioritization schedule at that time.

The Department requires that all of the tasks associated with updating the existing risk classification be preapproved. To comply with this requirement, a completed electronic or hard copy **Preapproval/Claim Authorization Form**, encompassing the required reevaluation activities, must be received in this office within 14 days of the date of receipt of the NORR. A hard copy of a **Preapproval/Claim Authorization Form**, and a copy of the **List of Allowable Task Codes for Preliminary Risk Reevaluation**, will be attached to the NORR. Electronic copies of both the preapproval form and the task list also are available on the UST Section web site at: <http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/wm/ust/rrd> under the “Policy” section.

If you have any questions regarding trust fund eligibility or reimbursement, please contact the UST Section Trust Fund Branch at (919) 707-8171. If you have questions about risk reevaluation and incident ranking, please contact the appropriate UST Section regional office.

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