

Regulations, Policy, and Collaboration Lead to a Sound Fund

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A Brief Background

State program approval in 1989

Statutes and Regulations established 1989

- Revisions in 1991, 1995, 1999, 2001, 2010, then moved to a new chapter in 2015

State Board to Review Claims

Board Policy Resolutions

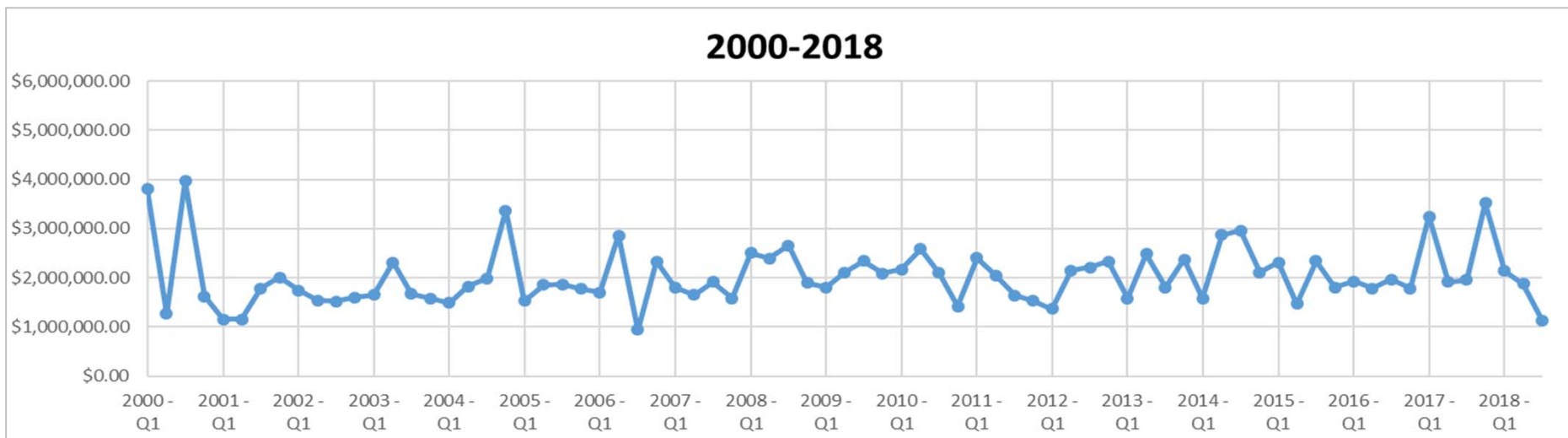
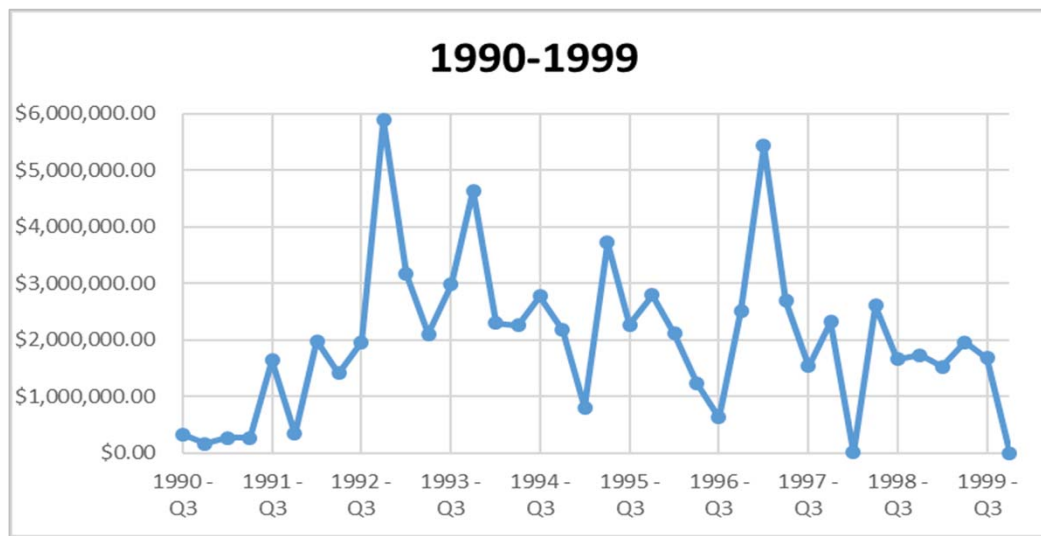
- Cost Guidelines August 1996

Cover USTs, ASTs, and heating oil tank systems

Pro-rata clause established in 1989 utilized in 1990s, but not since



Trends in Reimbursement



Regulations and Policy

Petroleum Fund regulations established

- Collection of enrollment fee - \$100 per tank system, annually
- Collection of a \$0.0075 fee per gallon on petroleum products imported/refined in the state
- Carry forward balance of \$7.5 million
- Coverage conditions




Board to Review Claims oversight

- Policies approved by the Board to correct program deficiencies
- Periodic review/revisions to cost guidelines (stay up to date with inflation, per diem rates, maintain consistency in claim submittals)

Board to Review Claims

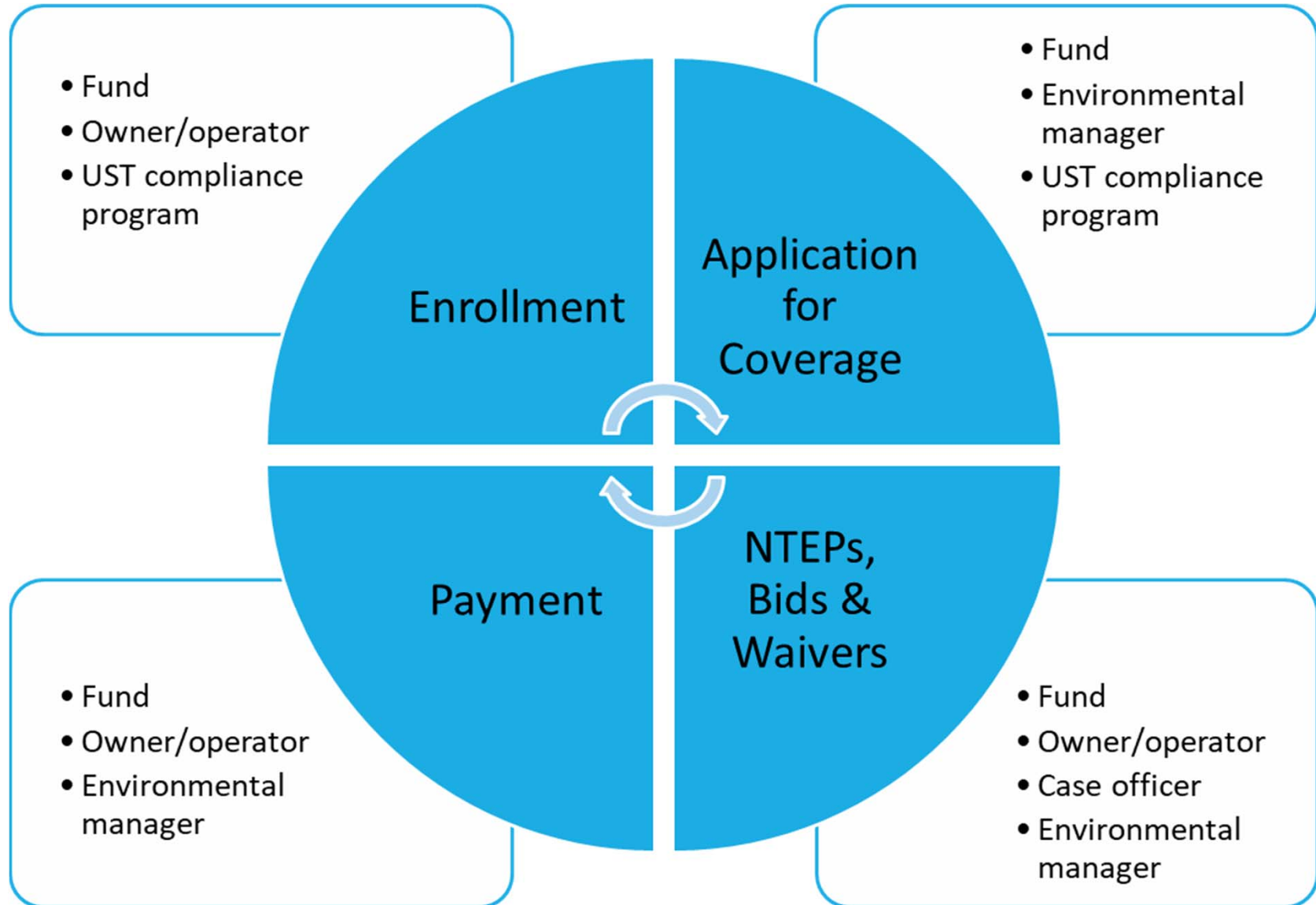
The Board consists of:

- The Administrator of the Division of Environmental Protection
 - The Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles
 - The State Fire Marshal
 - A representative of refiners of petroleum
 - A representative of independent dealers in petroleum
 - A representative of independent retailers of petroleum
 - A representative of the general public
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Participation



Collaborative Efforts



Enrollment (Registering Tanks)

Online database provides access to storage tank operators, Fund staff, and UST compliance staff

- Enrollment invoices and certificates
- Payment receipts
- Storage tank system information

Enrollment requires demonstration of system tightness

- Rely on UST compliance staff for interpretation of release detection records and third party tightness test results



Coverage Applications



Special circumstances brought to the Board

Board meeting attendance by Fund staff, environmental managers, operators, and case officers

Not-To-Exceed-Proposals

Formatted and guided by the Cost Guidelines, established by Board Policy Resolution

Discussions have lead to improvements of the Cost Guidelines document

Work group meetings to ensure consistency in approvals

Ensure that work performed and paid for is approved by case officer



Bids & Waivers

Policy Resolution in 2015 to define bid procedures

Bids are required for subcontractor costs exceeding \$6,000

- Exceptions include soil disposal and laboratory fees

Bids over \$25,000 are approved by the case officers prior to work/purchase

- Contentious or special circumstances are discussed across programs

Waivers are permitted, but must be approved by the case officer

- Requires justification
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Payment

When it is time to request reimbursement for work performed, claims are submitted electronically

NTEP, approved equipment, waivers (if any) available at time of claim review

Case officer has opportunity to review claim prior to approval

Fund approval notifications sent to all parties

Grant Program

New program in Nevada to help small businesses meet the October 2018 upgrade requirements

Statutes and Regulations written in partnership with UST compliance branch

UST inspectors handing out flyer during inspections

Certified individuals provided information electronically

Leaking UST program also referring operators to the grant program with sites that have active UST systems







Realized Benefits


Cost control and validation

Transparency of site work

Interactive database system encompassing all programs' information

Promotes robust policy

Invoice Bid Verification The system will check that every qualifying item has bids attached.	
Mark Up Validation The system will verify that CEM markup requests do not exceed 15% of the vendor invoice.	
Proof of Payment Validation The system will verify that the coverage application is in good standing in regards to Proof of Payment.	
General Case Setting The system ensure that the case associated to this claim has been appropriately set up to receive claims.	

Note  [View Violations](#)

Claim Delinquency Validation

- This case has been suspended for a refund required violation

Questions?

Should you have further questions, please contact me at:

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