

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONCURRENCE WITH  
MONITORED NATURAL ATTENUATION FINAL CLEANUP REMEDY  
FOR THE  
Former Fouche Auto Wreckers Site  
2290 Dutton Avenue  
Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California  
Case No. 1NS0366

**Internet Posting Date:                   October 17, 2014**

**End of Public Comment Period:   November 17, 2014**

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board invites the public to review and comment on the pending decision to concur with a final cleanup remedy for the former Fouche Auto Wreckers site located in Santa Rosa, California. The proposed final cleanup remedy for groundwater is monitored natural attenuation.

**Problem Description**

The site is located southwest of downtown Santa Rosa at 2290 Dutton Avenue in Santa Rosa. The 12-acre site is the location of the former Fouche Auto Wrecking facility that operated from the early 1970s to 2001. Wrecked vehicles and equipment, tires, batteries, drums and other miscellaneous debris covered the site, predominantly the southern portion of the site. Motor oils, battery acid, gasoline, diesel, solvents, and lead had reportedly been released to soils. Groundwater is contaminated with low levels of volatile organic compounds (solvents). Soils in certain areas have residual lead impacts and petroleum hydrocarbon impacts in the diesel and motor oil ranges.

**Cleanup Actions**

The cleanup actions conducted at the site include the following:

1. In 2001 and 2002, the debris from the site was removed, including all buildings.
2. In 2004 through 2006, approximately 7,200 tons of contaminated soils were removed from the site and disposed at permitted landfills. During the removal process, approximately 700 soil samples were collected to identify any areas needing additional excavation.
3. In 2006, a geophysical survey was conducted to locate any buried debris. Approximately 11 areas of suspected buried debris were identified in the survey, and those areas were excavated. The areas contained various miscellaneous auto and equipment parts.
4. Sixteen groundwater monitoring wells have been installed to determine the impacts to groundwater and the extent of contamination both vertically and horizontally.

On February 26, 2007, Regional Water Board staff concurred that the soil cleanup actions were complete, and any remaining soil contamination would be identified in a soil and groundwater management plan to be implemented during site redevelopment. A soil and groundwater management plan was prepared in 2006, and revised in 2012 and 2014. Four areas are identified in the soil and groundwater management plan that will need additional sampling and removal. In addition, the soil and groundwater management plan outlines the process for identifying any additional areas of contamination discovered during site redevelopment, and plans for stockpiling any contamination found, sampling, and proper disposal.

**Proposed Action**

The proposed cleanup remedy of monitored natural attenuation for groundwater, and the soil removal actions already completed (and to be completed during site development) are being considered as the final cleanup remedy for the former Fouche Auto Wrecking site. The monitored natural attenuation alternative consists of continued groundwater monitoring until the residual levels of volatile organic compounds achieves the cleanup goals. The low levels of volatile organic compounds detected in groundwater include 1,1,1-trichloroethane, 1,1-dichloroethene, and freon.

Concurrence with the final cleanup remedy may be accepted after the close of the public comment period unless new and significant information is submitted. Documents related to the former Fouche Auto Wrecking site can be found on the Geotracker online database at the following link:

[http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=T0609793108](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0609793108)

The proposed action may proceed without further notice unless significant public comment is received by November 17, 2014. Please contact Janice Goebel at [Janice.Goebel@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Janice.Goebel@waterboards.ca.gov) or (707) 576-2676 with any questions or comments regarding this project. You may also submit written comments to:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Attention: Janice Goebel  
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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

The Regional Water Board records for the site are contained in the files known as Fouche Auto Wreckers Site, 2290 Dutton Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA, Case No. 1NS0366. The files may be reviewed at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board office from 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. Appointments are recommended and can be arranged by calling (707) 576-2220.