

## Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

### Public Notice of Proposed Cleanup Activities Former Printing Impressions 526 Laguna Street, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County

October 30, 2023

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The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) is the State regulatory agency responsible for the protection of groundwater and surface water quality within the Central Coast Region. The Central Coast Water Board is overseeing soil, soil vapor, and groundwater investigation and cleanup at the Former Printing Impressions property located at 526 Laguna Street in Santa Barbara (Site). The purpose of this notification is to provide you with a summary of proposed cleanup activities and to solicit public comments.

#### Site Background

The Site is comprised of one commercial parcel, totaling 0.34 acres, located on the northeast side of Laguna Street, between East Cota Street and East Haley Street. The Site was redeveloped circa 1962 with a commercial warehouse-type structure and a parking lot. The Site has been used for many commercial activities that historically included a paint and auto body shop, bakery, heating/air-conditioning/sheet metal repair, printing, and paint sales.

The Responsible Parties (RPs)<sup>1</sup> completed the following site investigation activities at the Site:

- From 2016 to 2018, confirmed the presence and delineated the extent of chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs) discharged to the subsurface associated with the former drum storage shed location on the north end of the Site. Soil, soil vapor, and groundwater sampling results also indicate a potential second localized source area in the paved parking/drive area on the southeast side of the Site building.
- A 2022 site investigation at the adjacent property (520 Laguna Street) confirmed CVOCs were below actionable, commercial Environmental Screening Levels<sup>2</sup> in building crawl space air and sub-slab vapor samples.

#### Proposed Cleanup Activities

Campbell Geo, Inc., on behalf of the RPs, submitted the *Revised Corrective Action Plan* dated May 8, 2022 (Revised CAP)<sup>3</sup>, proposing an alternative to the previously submitted and approved TRAK Environmental Group's June 10, 2019, *Corrective Action Plan*<sup>4</sup>. The Revised CAP includes a

<sup>1</sup> Responsible parties for the Site include: Kinnear-Davidson Trust (current property owner), Parton & Edwards Construction, Inc. (previous property owner), and Printing Impressions (former tenant).

<sup>2</sup> Additional information on San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board Environmental Screening Levels: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water\\_issues/programs/esl.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sanfranciscobay/water_issues/programs/esl.html)

<sup>3</sup> Revised CAP dated May 8, 2022, on GeoTracker: <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?surl=hsl17>

<sup>4</sup> 2019 CAP dated June 10, 2019, on GeoTracker: <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?surl=d11zl>

proposal to excavate approximately 300 cubic yards in-place volume (approximately 450 tons) of contaminated soil in the vicinity of the former storage shed. Excavated soil will be directly loaded for export to an appropriately licensed landfill and the excavation will be backfilled with clean imported material. Post remediation soil vapor monitoring will be conducted using the existing soil vapor probes and one new proposed probe.

The cleanup activities are expected to begin following approval of the Revised CAP and after confirmation that seasonally high groundwater levels will not interfere with the excavation activities. Sitework is expected to take approximately two weeks. All remediation work will be conducted in accordance with appropriate City and County of Santa Barbara permits. Central Coast Water Board staff will continue to oversee the cleanup activities and determine when the cleanup is complete.

### **Public Comment Period**

The public has 30 days to comment on the proposed Revised CAP, as summarized in this fact sheet. Copies of the CAP, environmental data, and other reports are available to the public under the "Site Maps/Documents" tab on GeoTracker here:

<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?gid=SL0608371607>

Central Coast Water Board staff invites all interested parties to submit written comments or questions about the proposed cleanup activities at 526 Laguna Street in Santa Barbara, California. **The 30-day public comment period ends at close of business on November 30, 2023.** You may submit all public comments in writing or via email to Central Coast Water Board at:

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