

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pending Case Closure (Case No. 1060)

**Installation and Restoration Program Site WP005
Former Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank 761-1
761 Napa Road, Between Buildings 761 and 760,
Space Launch Complex 3 East,
Vandenberg Space Force Base
Santa Barbara County, California**

*Si desea obtener información en español,
póngase en contacto con DoD Program Manager
(805) 549-3147 o rb3-dodprogram@waterboards.ca.gov*

July 22, 2025

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board) is providing this notification to the site owner, surrounding property owners, the lessee and other potentially interested parties of the proposed closure of the heating oil underground storage tank (UST) 761-1 cleanup case #1060 (the Site), located between Buildings 761 and 760, within the footprint of Installation Restoration Program (IRP) Site WP005 at Vandenberg Space Force Base (VSFB) Space Launch Complex 3 East (SLC-3E).

The Central Coast Water Board is the state regulatory agency responsible for the protection of groundwater and surface water quality within the central coast region. Central Coast Water Board staff provide oversight of the investigation and cleanup of petroleum hydrocarbons released from the UST at the Site. The Department of the Air Force is the party responsible for investigation and cleanup of the Site. The purpose of this notification is to provide you and other interested parties with an opportunity to comment on the Central Coast Water Board's intent to close this UST case.

Please provide comments regarding closure of this UST case to this office by **September 22, 2025**. It is not necessary to respond if you have no comments. Information on the UST case investigation and cleanup are available for review on the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker database at:
<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?gid=T0608300016>

A site location map is available at:

https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/map/?global_id=T0608300016

The draft Case Closure Summary Form is available at:

<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?surl=ep91o>

After reviewing the soil and groundwater investigation results, Central Coast Water Board staff have determined that there is no significant threat to groundwater resources, human health, or the environment from the Site.¹ Petroleum hydrocarbon concentrations are minimal, and the residual impacted soil is limited vertically. There is no groundwater pollution associated with this former UST. The petroleum hydrocarbon contaminant mass has been removed from the Site to the maximum extent practicable and contaminant concentrations in the soil are expected to continue to decrease with time. Following the public comment period and resolution of any comments, the Executive Officer may issue a case closure letter pursuant to California Underground Storage Tank Regulations.²

If you wish to obtain additional information, provide comments, or if you need assistance accessing GeoTracker, please contact **Don Eley at (805) 542-4626** or Amber Sellinger at (805) 549-3866.

Mail comments to:

Central Coast Water Board
Attention: DoD Program Manager
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-7906

or

Email comments to:

rb3-dodprogram@waterboards.ca.gov

¹ However, there is widespread trichloroethene (TCE) contamination in soil, soil gas and groundwater at IRP site WP005, from historical rocket launch related activities and unrelated to former UST 761-1. IRP Site WP005 information can be found at this link:

<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?gid=DOD100396400>

² Information on the California Underground Storage Tank Low Threat Closure Program can be found at This link: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ust/lt_cls_plcy.html