

## Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

June 22, 2016

Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Dear State Clearinghouse staff member:

### **SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM: BUCKLEY ROAD TRICHLOROETHYLENE GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

Please find enclosed a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Buckley Road trichloroethylene groundwater investigation in San Luis Obispo. The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board is the lead agency and we have enclosed two copies of the NOE and a self-addressed stamped envelope. If you have any questions please contact Thea Tryon at (805) 542-4776 or [thea.tryon@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:thea.tryon@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



for John M. Robertson  
Executive Officer

Attachment: Notice of Exemption

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**California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research – State Clearinghouse  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95814-3044

**From:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board,  
Central Coast Region ("Central Coast Water Board")  
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

**I. Project Title:** Buckley Road Regional TCE Plume Investigation

**II. Project Location:** Approximately 20 acres in an industrial/rural residential area located at the corner of Buckley Road and Thread Lane (a.k.a. Noll Road), south of the San Luis Obispo County Airport (the "Site").

**III. Project Description:** The proposed investigation includes collection of soil, soil gas, and groundwater samples and the installation of three monitoring wells. The investigation will help Central Coast Water Board staff identify and delineate the source area of TCE and provide information for remedial design to begin cleanup of the TCE source area to prevent further migration of the TCE groundwater plume impacting the drinking water aquifer.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Central Coast Water Board

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Central Coast Water Board

**Exempt Status (check one)**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268.)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a).)
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c).)
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number below.
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number below.
- ☒ No possibility of Significant Effect (Sec. 15061(b)(3).)

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

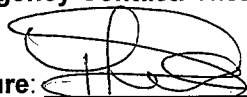
The Central Coast Water Board has determined that the project is exempt from the application of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the Guidelines under section 15061(b)(3) since the project does not have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment. This project only involves taking soil, soil gas, and grab groundwater samples. There will also be three groundwater wells drilled which will be properly destroyed at the end of the project and the surface returned to its original condition. All polluted soil and groundwater samples will be disposed of properly according to state and federal regulations. Any proposed project to begin cleaning up the pollution will require a separate CEQA review.

Evidence to support the above reasons is documented in the project file record, available for inspection at:

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**Signature:**

  
[Name]

**Date:**

6/22/16  
[Date]

**Title:**

Senior Engineering Geologist  
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- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
- ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: