
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

PUBLIC NOTICE: PROPOSED CLEANUP PROGRAM SITE CLOSURE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 23 February 2024 through 23 April 2024

MERCED COUNTY CORPORATION YARD (SL0604788552), CASE# 2050318, 715 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. WAY, MERCED, MERCED COUNTY

The cleanup program site is located at 715 Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Merced, California (Site). The owner has investigated and cleaned up chemicals of concern associated with the historical operation of underground storage tanks (tanks), vehicle servicing, and paint drying. The Central Valley Water Board staff is providing you an opportunity to comment regarding the proposed cleanup program site closure.

In 1986, three 10,000-gallon tanks (two gasoline and one diesel) and one 300-gallon waste oil tank were removed from the Site. The soil beneath the gasoline and diesel tanks was reported in "good" condition, whereas the soil beneath the former waste oil tank was reported in "poor" condition. In 2007, the concrete lined paint pit was removed from the Site and replaced with gravel. Since 1996, the owner cleaned up (or investigated the area of) the fuel dispensing area, the former vehicle servicing pad, and paint drying pit. The owner removed 126 cubic yards of waste-oil impacted soil, operated a soil vapor extraction and air sparge remediation system (removed about 1,862 pounds of fuel products from subsurface soil and groundwater), and removed about 3.4 gallons of floating fuel products from the surface of groundwater.

Some petroleum remains in soil and groundwater. In 2009, the owner conducted a Human Health Risk Assessment that indicated exposure to chemicals of concern at the Site and adjacent residential area were within the USEPA risk management range for onsite commercial users and offsite residents. Based on available data, the Central Valley Water Board staff concluded that the remaining chemicals of concern are not a risk to human health. The attached figure shows the property location.

The Central Valley Water Board staff is issuing this notice to you and providing a 60-day public comment period to the owners and occupants of all properties near Merced County Corporation Yard and other interested parties. Central Valley Water Board staff will consider comments received when evaluating the case closure.

