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Public Notice:
Proposed Underground Storage Tank Case Closure

Dickey Petroleum, Case No. T0604700339
385 South Highway 59
Merced, Merced County, CA

Dickey Petroleum, formerly located at 385 South Highway 59 in Merced, California, has cleaned up a petroleum release associated with its underground storage tanks (USTs). The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) is providing you with an opportunity to comment regarding the proposed case closure.

The property at 385 South Highway 59 (Site) is a commercial fueling station that was formerly operated by Dickey Petroleum. The Site contains a warehouse building, three above ground storage tanks, and four petroleum pumping stations. In February 1999, Dickey Petroleum removed two 12,500-gallon gasoline USTs and one 12,500-gallon diesel UST from the Site. Soil samples collected from the former UST areas contained concentrations of multiple petroleum compounds.

In 1999, WHF, Inc. (WHF) installed groundwater monitoring wells to evaluate the petroleum plume from the former UST areas. Between 2002 to 2004, ATC Associates, Inc. (ATC) installed additional groundwater monitoring wells and advanced 19 soil borings in the area to assess the size of the plume. Environmental Compliance Group, LLC (ECG) operated a soil vapor extraction system on Site intermittently in 2012, 2014, and 2018 to reduce petroleum concentrations in the soil. Routine groundwater monitoring showed a decreasing trend in the petroleum concentrations, attributed to the natural breakdown of petroleum over time. In the *Groundwater Monitoring Report – First Quarter 2022*, consultant AdvancedGeo stated that petroleum concentrations on Site pose a low risk to human health and the environment and recommended case closure.

Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed the request for regulatory closure and concluded that the case meets the criteria for closure. The Central Valley Water Board is issuing this notice and providing a 60-day public comment period to the owners and occupants of all properties near Dickey Petroleum and other interested parties. Central Valley Water Board staff will consider comments they receive when evaluating the case closure.

Public Comment Period: 20 June 2022 through 19 August 2022

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can obtain additional information on the [State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>). Please contact Mitch Messmer with the Central Valley Water Board if you have any comments or questions about this Public Notice or about the environmental cleanup activities at Dickey Petroleum:

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Notice to the Hearing Impaired

TDD users can obtain information about the Site by using the California State Relay Service (800) 735-2929 to reach the Public Participation Specialist. Ask them to contact the Central Valley Water Board at (916) 464-3291 regarding the Public Notice for the proposed UST case closure of Dickey Petroleum.

Figure 1

Source: *Corrective Action Plan*, September 15, 2005.
Available on the GeoTracker website.

