
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

PUBLIC NOTICE: PROPOSED CASE CLOSURE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

5 December 2025 through 3 February 2026 (60 days)

**GASCO; 749 E. CHARTER WAY, STOCKTON, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY;
LUST CASE #390443, GLOBAL ID #T0607700347**

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) wants to hear from the public about closing the GASCO leaking underground storage tank case. This case is at 749 East Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Boulevard, Stockton, CA. We attached a map showing where the gasoline has affected the groundwater.

The property is now a Sinclair gas station at the corner of East MLK Boulevard and South Grant Street. In 1989 and 1990, the old owner took out five underground tanks that had leaked gasoline into the soil and groundwater. From 1990 to 2022, the old owners and their contractors put in 35 wells and borings to test and clean up the gasoline. They used different methods like air-sparging, soil vapor extraction (SVE), and dual-phase extraction (DPE). Air-sparging pumps air into the ground to help break down the gasoline. SVE uses a vacuum to remove gasoline vapors from the ground. DPE combines SVE with pumping out contaminated groundwater. These methods removed about 48,400 pounds (8,000 gallons) of gasoline.

The Central Valley Water Board staff believes the remaining gasoline is not a threat to people, the environment, or future activities on the property. The gasoline left in the groundwater will break down naturally over time. We did not find any registered residential groundwater wells in this area. The CalWater city water wells are far enough away. Because of the low threat, the staff recommends closing the case under California's *Low-Threat UST Case Closure Policy*. The staff will consider public comments before making a final decision.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

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- Contact the Office of Public Engagement, Equity, and Tribal Affairs (OPEETA) at: 916-341-5254 or at: LanguageServices@waterboards.ca.gov

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 GASCO.

ATTACHMENTS

Figure 1: Site Map which shows the extent of gasoline in groundwater.

