PUBLIC NOTICE:
PROPOSED PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE CLOSURE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 30 November 2026 through 29 January 2027

UNION PACIFIC FORMER BUNKER C VAULT (BARBER); BETWEEN WEST 16TH STREET AND DAYTON ROAD, BARBER, BUTTE COUNTY;
GLOBAL ID #T10000021210

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) is asking for public comments. We plan to close the leaking tank case known as Union Pacific Former Bunker C Vault (Barber). The case is located between West 16th Street and Dayton Road in Barber, California.

In 2016, Union Pacific Railroad Company reviewed documentation regarding their properties that may still have underground structures associated with fuel storage and distribution. The property between West 16th Street and Dayton Road in Barber, California was identified as a potential location that could have a reliced fuel storage and distribution system. Union Pacific then hired an enviromental consultant to further investigate the property. The consultant identified two concrete underground storage structures did still exist at the property and collected soil samples that Central Valley Water Board staff determined were contaminated with fuel from a historical release from the structures.

After additional investigation of the soil and removal of the structures in March 2026, Central Valley Water Board staff agreed with the consultant that the remaining fuel in the soil did not reach the groundwater and did not pose a significant risk to people, the environment, or future use of the property. Because the risk is low, we plan to close case under California's Low-Threat Closure Policy. We will review all public comments before making a final decision. A map is attached that shows the property location and the where the remaining fuel is found in soil.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can find additional information on the case's GeoTracker webpage here: Union Pacific Former Bunker C Vault (Barber) (https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T10000021210). Please contact Marissa Hartley with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Contol Board if you have any comments or questions about this Public Notice or about the environmental investigation activities at Union Pacific Former Bunker C Vault (Barber):

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Notice to the Hearing Impaired

TDD users can obtain information about the case by using the California State Relay Service at 711 or (800) 884-1684 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 case closure of Union Pacific Former Bunker C Vault (Barber).

ATTACHMENT

Map of the Union Pacific Former Bunker C Vault (Barber) case and the remaining fuel in soil.



Boundary of fuel in soil