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COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

**PROPOSED CASE CLOSURE
FOR**

**CONOCO PHILLIPS COMPANY (CHEVRON EMC, UNION OIL CO)/
FORMER 76 BULK PLANT NO. 0049
391 South Main Street
Blythe, Riverside County**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Regional Water Quality Control Board – Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) will accept written comments on the proposed site cleanup program (SCP) case closure for Conoco Phillips Company (Chevron EMC, Union Oil Co) / Former 76 Bulk Plant No. 0049, SCP: CP861, 391 South Main Street, Blythe, California, Riverside County. This SCP site is being proposed for case closure pursuant to the State Water Resource Control Board's "Water Quality Control Policy for Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure (LTCP)," which became effective on August 17, 2012 (Policy). The Policy states, "While this policy does not specifically address other petroleum release scenarios such as pipelines or above ground storage tanks, if a particular site with a different petroleum release scenario exhibits attributes similar to those which this policy addresses, the criteria for closure evaluation of these non-UST sites should be similar to those in this policy." In adopting this Policy, the State Water Board determined that certain cases are appropriate for closure if they pose a low threat to human health, safety, and the environment. Low threat may be demonstrated under the Policy by showing that the cases meet the general and media-specific criteria established in the Policy, the case closure requirements satisfy Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10, and case closure is consistent with State Water Board Resolution 92-49's requirement that cleanup goals and objectives be met within a reasonable time frame.

Enclosed is a LTCP checklist prepared by the Colorado River Basin Water Board staff for the above-entitled matter. Pursuant to the Policy, the Colorado River Basin Water Board will be providing notice about this proposed case closure and the draft Policy review summary to municipal and county water districts, water replenishment districts, special act districts with groundwater management authority, agencies with authority to issue building permits for land affected by the petroleum release, owners and occupants of the property impacted by the petroleum release, and the owners and occupants of all parcels adjacent to the impacted property, as applicable. This Notice will be posted on the Colorado River Basin Water Board's Public Notice web site. The relevant information for the subject case is also available on the Geotracker database at:

http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=SL0602591274

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

In accordance with the Policy, the Colorado River Basin Water Board shall accept written comments about the proposed case closure during a sixty (60) day public comment period, which begins September 30, 2016 and ends November 29, 2016. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the proposed case closure are requested to do so by November 29, 2016, so that they may be given sufficient consideration.

Comments should be mailed to the attention of Theresa Kimsey, Environmental Scientist, at the address shown below or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820. Please provide the following information in the subject line: "Comment Letter – Conoco Phillips Company (Chevron EMC, Union Oil Co) / Former 76 Bulk Plant No. 0049, SCP: CP861, SCP Case Closure Summary."

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If you have any questions, please contact me at john.carmona@waterboards.ca.gov or at (760) 340-4521 or the case worker for your site Theresa Kimsey, theresa.kimsey@waterboards.ca.gov, phone (760) 776-8971.

Low Threat Closure Policy Checklist

General Criteria - The site satisfies the policy general criteria - CLEAR SECTION ANSWERS		YES
a. Is the unauthorized release located within the service area of a public water system?		
Name of Water System : <input type="text" value="Blythe Water Department"/>		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
b. The unauthorized release consists only of petroleum (info) .		
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
c. The unauthorized ("primary") release from the UST system has been stopped.		
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
d. Free product has been removed to the maximum extent practicable (info) .		
		<input type="radio"/> FP Not Encountered <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
e. A conceptual site model that assesses the nature, extent, and mobility of the release has been developed (info) .		
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
f. Secondary source has been removed to the extent practicable (info) .		
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
g. Soil or groundwater has been tested for MTBE and results reported in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 25290.15.		
		<input type="radio"/> Not Required <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
h. Does a nuisance exist, as defined by Water Code section 13060 .		
		<input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
1. Media-Specific Criteria: Groundwater - The contaminant plume that exceeds water quality objectives is stable or decreasing in areal extent, and meets all of the additional characteristics of one of the five classes of sites listed below. - CLEAR SECTION ANSWERS		YES
EXEMPTION - Soil Only Case (Release has <u>not</u> Affected Groundwater - info)		
		<input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
Does the site meet any of the Groundwater specific criteria scenarios?		
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
1.2 - The contaminant plume that exceeds water quality objectives is <250 feet in length. There is no free product. The nearest existing water supply well or surface water body is >1,000 feet from the defined plume boundary. The dissolved concentration of benzene is <3,000 µg/L. The dissolved concentration of MTBE is <1,000 µg/L.		
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
2. Media Specific Criteria: Petroleum Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air - The site is considered low-threat for the vapor-intrusion-to-air pathway if site-specific conditions satisfy items 2a, 2b, or 2c - CLEAR SECTION ANSWERS		YES
EXEMPTION - Active Commercial Petroleum Fueling Facility		
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
3. Media Specific Criteria: Direct Contact and Outdoor Air Exposure - The site is considered low-threat for direct contact and outdoor air exposure if it meets 1, 2, or 3 below. - CLEAR SECTION ANSWERS		YES
EXEMPTION - The upper 10 feet of soil is free of petroleum contamination		
		<input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
Does the site meet any of the Direct Contact and Outdoor Air Exposure criteria scenarios?		
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
3.1 - Maximum concentrations of petroleum constituents in soil are less than or equal to those listed in the following table (LINK) for the specified depth below ground surface.		
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Additional Information		
This case should be kept OPEN in spite of meeting policy criteria.		
		<input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO
Has this LTCP Checklist been updated for FY 15/16?		
		<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO