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COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

**PROPOSED UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE CLOSURE
PURSUANT TO THE LOW-THREAT CLOSURE POLICY FOR**

**JIM AUSTIN SITE
1530 MAIN STREET
BRAWLEY, IMPERIAL COUNTY**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Regional Water Quality Control Board – Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) will accept written comments on the proposed underground storage tank (UST) case closure for Jim Austin Site, 1530 Main Street, Brawley, Imperial County. This UST 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" (Policy), which took effect on August 17, 2012. In adopting this Policy, the State Water Board determined that certain UST cases are appropriate for closure if they pose a low threat to human health, safety, and the environment. Low threat is established under the Policy by demonstrating that the UST case meets the general and media-specific criteria established in the Policy, satisfies the requirements of Health and Safety Code Section 25296.10, and is consistent with State Water Board Resolution 92-49's requirement that cleanup goals and objectives be met within a reasonable time.

Enclosed is a Policy checklist prepared by Regional Water Board staff for the above-entitled matter. Pursuant to the Policy, the Regional Water Board is providing notice of this proposed case closure 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 owners and occupants of all parcels adjacent to the impacted property, as applicable. The Notice and Policy checklist will be posted on the Regional Water Board's Public Notice web site. Relevant information for the subject case is also available on the Geotracker database at:

http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report?global_id=T0602506419&cmd=ltcpreport<cp_id=115821

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

In accordance with the Policy, the Regional Water Board will accept written comments for the proposed case closure during a sixty (60) day public comment period, which begins December 15, 2017 and ends February 15, 2018. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the proposed case closure are requested to do so by **February 15, 2018**, 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 – UST 7T2 227 038, Jim Austin Site UST Case Closure Summary."

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Please direct any questions regarding this Notice to Theresa Kimsey at (760) 776-8971 or Theresa.Kimsey@waterboards.ca.gov.

Low Threat Closure Policy Checklist

CLOSURE POLICY	<i>THIS VERSION IS FINAL AS OF 8/8/2017</i>	<small>CHECKLIST INITIATED ON 6/21/2013</small>
General Criteria <i>The site satisfies the policy general criteria.</i> <small>CLEAR SECTION ANSWERS</small>		YES
a. Is the unauthorized release located within the service area of a public water system?		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> Name of Water System: BRANLEY, CITY OF - 100 S. WESTERN AVENUE, BRANLEY, CA 92227 THERMAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT - 333 EAST BARTON BOULEVARD, THERMAL, CA 92581 </div>	<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 USI 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 checked="" type="radio"/> HP Not encountered <input 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 MTPF and results reported in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 25296.15		
<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 10050 .		
<input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO		
1. Media-Specific Criteria: Groundwater - <i>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.</i> <small>CLEAR SECTION ANSWERS</small>		YES
EXEMPTION - Soil Only Case (Release has not 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 MTDE is <1,000 µg/L.		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		
2. Media Specific Criteria: Petroleum Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air - <i>The site is considered low-threat for the vapor-intrusion-to-air pathway if site-specific conditions satisfy items 2a, 2b, or 2c.</i> <small>CLEAR SECTION ANSWERS</small>		YES
EXEMPTION - Active Commercial Petroleum Fueling Facility		
<input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO		
Does the site meet any of the Petroleum Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air specific criteria scenarios?		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		
2a - Scenario 4 (example) Direct Measurement of Soil Gas Concentrations		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES		
I. Soil Gas Sampling Locations - No Bioattenuation Zone:		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES		
- Beneath or adjacent to an existing building: Soil gas sample is collected at least 3 feet below the bottom of the building foundation.		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		
- Future construction: The soil gas sample shall be collected from at least 3 feet below the ground surface (bgs)		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		
II. Soil Gas Sampling Locations - with Bioattenuation Zone: The criteria in Column A in the Soil Gas Criteria table (page 5 of the Policy) apply if the following requirements for a bioattenuation zone are satisfied:		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES		
- Minimum of 5 feet of soil between the soil vapor measurement and the foundation of an existing or ground surface of future construction		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		
- TPH (TPHg + TPHd) is <100 mg/kg (measured in at least two depths within the 5-ft zone)		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		
- Oxygen is > 4% measured at the bottom of the 5-ft zone.		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		
3. Media Specific Criteria: Direct Contact and Outdoor Air Exposure - <i>The site is considered low threat for direct contact and outdoor air exposure if it meets 1, 2, or 3 below.</i> - <small>CLEAR SECTION ANSWERS</small>		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(b) - A site specific risk assessment demonstrates the maximum concentrations of petroleum constituents in soil will have no significant risk of adversely affecting human health (i.e., "passed")		
<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 17/18?		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		

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