



North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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(Sent via email and Certified Mail)

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Dear Haji Alam:

Subject: ORDER TO DESTROY MONITORING WELLS PURSUANT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 25296.10

**Site: JENSEN'S TRUCK STOP
1460 LOVERS LANE, UKIAH, CALIFORNIA 95482
CASE NO. 1NMC375
GLOBAL ID NO. T0604500174**

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) is the public agency with primary responsibility for protection of ground and surface water for all beneficial uses within Mendocino County. As such, the Regional Water Board is the lead agency for overseeing corrective action and cleanup of releases from leaking underground storage tank (UST) systems at the property located at 1460 Lovers Lane in Ukiah, California (Site).

On February 28, 2024, the Regional Water Board issued Glenn Jensen and Haji Alam a letter that concurred with the recommendation for case closure of the Site. On June 14, 2024, the Regional Water Board issued Glenn Jensen and Haji Alam a letter approving the well destruction work plan and provided notice to proceed with decommissioning of the monitoring wells. On October 21, 2024, and November 18, 2024, Regional Water Board emailed Haji Alam requesting an update on well destruction status and requested an update by November 20, 2024. To date, the Regional Water Board has not received any information regarding your compliance or a response regarding these requirements.

A. Responsible Party Designation

The term "responsible party" is defined in title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 2720 to include:

1. Any person who owns or operates an underground storage tank used for the storage of any hazardous substance;
2. In the case of any underground storage tank no longer in use, any person who owned or operated the underground storage tank immediately before the discontinuation of its use;
3. Any owner of property where an unauthorized release of a hazardous substance from an underground storage tank has occurred; and
4. Any person who had or has control over an underground storage tank at the time of or following an unauthorized release of a hazardous substance.

Glenn Jenson, of the Robert and Gail Jensen Trust, was previously directed correspondence because he historically was associated with previous property ownership and underground storage tank use; however, Glenn Jenson has been deceased since March 26, 2020.

Faizan Corporation is a responsible party under title 23 CCR section 2720(3) because it owned the Site and owned and operated the underground storage tanks at the time the unauthorized release was discovered. Faizan Corporation has since sold the property to Kuki & Lovers Lane Properties.

Kuki & Lovers Lane Properties is a responsible party under title 23 CCR section 2720(3) because it is a present owner of the property where an unauthorized release has occurred.

B. Required Correction Action

As responsible parties, the individuals named in this Order are required to take (or contract with an appropriately licensed and certified contractor for) corrective action as necessary to abate or correct the actual or potential effects of the unauthorized release. (Health & Saf Code §25296.10; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 23 § 2727). Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25296.10, each owner, operator, or other responsible party is required to take corrective action to ensure protection of human health, safety, and the environment. Improperly abandoned or unabandoned groundwater monitoring well(s) act as a potential conduit and may pose a continuing threat to the water quality of the underlying aquifer(s).

You are hereby required to:

1. Obtain a well destruction permit from the Mendocino County Environmental Health Division and any other necessary permits as required from the appropriate agencies prior to start of work
2. Properly destroy the monitoring wells and submit a technical report to the Regional Water Board summarizing well destruction activities by **June 2, 2025**. The report must include, at a minimum, a site map, description of the well destruction process, copies of all signed permits, and documentation of removal

of all waste piles, drums, debris, and other investigation and remediation derived materials in accordance with local or state requirements.

C. Reporting Requirements

Technical reports must be signed and stamped by a California-licensed Professional Engineer or California-licensed Professional Geologist. Laboratory analyses must be performed by a laboratory that is certified by the State of California for the analyses being conducted. Technical reports must be submitted to the Regional Water Board via the State Water Board's GeoTracker database in accordance with title 23 CCR sections 3890 – 3895. Additional information about GeoTracker is located here:

<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>.

D. Enforcement

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25299(d)(1), any person who violates any corrective action requirement established by, or issued pursuant to, section 25296.10 is liable for a civil penalty of up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each UST for each day of violation. A civil penalty may be imposed by civil action pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25299(d)(2) or imposed administratively by the Regional Water Board pursuant to Water Code sections 13323 through 13328.

Please contact Engineering Geologist Kelsey McLaughlin by phone at (707) 576-2466, or by email at Kelsey.McLaughlin@waterboards.ca.gov upon receipt of this Order to discuss your plans for performing the required corrective action.

Sincerely,

Valerie Quinto
Executive Officer

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