
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For

Humboldt Petroleum
1434 Myrtle Ave
Eureka, California

Case Number 1THU269

Mendocino County

Notice Posting Date: July 20, 2023

End of Comment Period: September 20, 2023

A soil and groundwater investigation was conducted at the above-referenced site and a release of petroleum hydrocarbons was documented. Although some contamination remains, this site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's "Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy." Regional Water Board staff proposes that no further work be required. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties, including owners of nearby land, that the case is being considered for closure, and to invite public comment on this proposed decision.

Problem Description

An unauthorized release was discovered during the removal of five gasoline underground storage tanks (USTs) and one waste oil UST from this operating retail gas station in June 1990. Soil and groundwater remediation measures have been conducted from 2003 through 2018. The primary constituents of concern (COCs) related to the unauthorized release are comprised of Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPHg); benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes (BTEX); and methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE). Current site conditions have been evaluated compared to the State's Low Threat UST Closure Policy (Policy). The site conditions satisfy all general criteria of the Policy and residual COC concentrations in groundwater are decreasing and expected to achieve water quality objectives in a reasonable timeframe, and the remaining impacted groundwater does not present a significant risk to the environment or human health.

Proposed Action

Case closure is proposed. This site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's "[Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy](#)" available on the internet at (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/lt_cls_plcy.html).

Unless significant comments are received or new information is presented regarding this site, Regional Water Board staff plans to proceed with the closure process upon conclusion of the comment period. Please contact François Bush at (707) 543-7148 or Francois.Bush@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions or comments. Written comments may also be submitted to:

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Regional Water Board site records comprise both a paper file and an electronic file. Beginning in 2005, select file material was uploaded to the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website and not necessarily included in the paper file. All new file material after 2014 is retained only electronically. [The GeoTracker records](#) are available at (https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0602300201).

The paper file ("Humboldt Petroleum, 1434 Myrtle Ave, Eureka", Case No. 1THU269) may be reviewed at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are recommended and can be arranged by calling (707) 576-2220.