

Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For

Salmon Creek Exit Gasoline Spill
Mile Post 24.69 Highway 101
Myers Flat, California

Case Number 1NHU991

Humboldt County

Notice Posting Date: January 31, 2023

End of Comment Period: March 2, 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 Resolution 92-49. 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

On September 7, 2016, a tanker truck hauling approximately 7,000 gallons of unleaded gasoline crashed off Highway 101 North near Mile Post Marker HUM 24.69, approximately 3.1 miles south of Myers Flat. The spill occurred in the California State Parks Department in a heavily wooded area with steep hillside; approximately 4,100 gallons of fuel were ultimately released.

A temporary access road was constructed to reach the spill location and 700 cubic yards of contaminated soil were excavated on September 13 through 16, 2016. Soil and groundwater investigations have taken place at the site with semi-annual groundwater monitoring taking place since October 2017.

Residual total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPHg), benzene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes are currently present at concentrations exceeding water quality objectives (WQOs) but it is anticipated that they will reach WQOs in a reasonable time frame and before beneficial uses of the water are needed. The petroleum hydrocarbon plume associated with the site is confined to the site, less than 250 feet in length, and decreasing as a result of source removal via excavation.

Proposed Action

Case closure is proposed. This site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's "[Resolution 92-49](#)".

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/site_cleanup_program/resolution_92_49.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 Kent Huth at (707) 576-2669 or Kent.Huth@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions or comments. Written comments may also be submitted to:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attention: Kent Huth
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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

All records for this case are available electronically on the [State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website](#) at <http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?gid=T10000009391>.

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