
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For

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Case Number 1TMC093

Mendocino County

Notice Posting Date: October 7, 2025

End of Comment Period: December 8, 2025

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

The site is a reopened leaking underground storage tank (UST) site. The original case was opened in 1989, after removal of a 500-gallon waste oil UST. Following results of sampling, the case was granted no further action status by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) on January 30, 1996. The site was reopened May 8, 2018, when results of a phase II environmental site assessment (Phase II ESA) identified the presence of total petroleum hydrocarbons as diesel (TPHd) in groundwater. Subsequent investigations have identified the main constituents of potential concern in groundwater to be TPHd and TPH as motor oil (TPHmo). Soil and groundwater at and around the site have been investigated. Groundwater investigation at the site has shown contamination in groundwater in the immediate vicinity of the site, but the contamination is no longer spreading. No water supply wells were impacted by this contamination.

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](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/lt_cls_plcy.html)" (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 Kelsey McLaughlin at (707) 576-2466 or Kelsey.McLaughlin@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions or comments. Written comments may also be submitted to:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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All records for this case are available electronically on the [State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report?global_id=T0604500082) at https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report?global_id=T0604500082.