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Public Notice – No Further Action Status

Former Olin Chlor Alkali Facility

PUBLIC NOTICE

Former Olin Chlor Alkali Facility Tracy, California

Public Notice: The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) invites public comment on a request for regulatory closure, made on behalf of Olin Corporation (Olin), for groundwater at the former Olin Chlor Alkali facility, located at 26700 South Banta Road in Tracy, San Joaquin County, California (Site). This Public Notice fact sheet provides general information on the Site and a map showing the location of the Site (Figure 1).

<u>PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:</u> 7 November 2025 – 7 December 2025 CASE SUMMARY:

Water Board staff concur with Olin's request for regulatory closure, or 'no further action' (NFA) for groundwater at the Site. In 2000, the Water Board concluded there had been sufficient cleanup of Site soil and issued a staff acceptance letter. This fact sheet relates to NFA for the Site groundwater.

From 1975 to 1989, All-Pure Chemical Company operated the Site as a bleach manufacturing and distribution facility. In 1989, Pioneer Americas Inc. (Pioneer) acquired the All- Pure business and began leasing the Site. In 2007, Olin acquired Pioneer and continued bleach production on the Site. From 1975 through 2022, Site operations included production of sodium hypochlorite (liquid bleach) from chlorine and caustic soda, storage and distribution of calcium hypochlorite, repackaging of chlorine gas and sulfuric acid, and truck maintenance in an on-Site shop. Bleach manufacturing and distribution operations ceased during the second quarter of 2022. The Site is currently vacant.

Between 1988 and 1998, elevated concentrations of chloroform and carbon tetrachloride were found in soil and groundwater near six ponds. Four were wastewater ponds for manufacturing process liquid (Stormwater Pond, Small Wastewater Pond, and Ponds 1 and 2) and two were water storage for fire suppression (Fire Ponds 1 and 2). Between 1994 and 1997, the former Stormwater Pond, Small Wastewater Pond, and Fire Ponds 1 and 2 were sampled and it was determined that excavation was not warranted. Therefore, the four ponds were backfilled for closure. In 1999, 3,200 cubic yards of soil were excavated from Ponds 1 and 2 and disposed of off-Site. The excavation areas were backfilled with clean soil, and the ponds were closed. In 2000, the Water Board concluded there had been sufficient cleanup of Site soil and issued a staff acceptance letter for the closure of the soil investigation.

In 2001, monitored natural attenuation was selected as the groundwater remedy for low concentrations of chloroform and carbon tetrachloride present in on-Site groundwater and off-Site groundwater to the

northeast. Based on monitoring conducted between 2002 and 2025, natural attenuation is occurring, and the extent of carbon tetrachloride and chloroform in on- and off-Site groundwater has been delineated. Where present, remaining concentrations of carbon tetrachloride and chloroform in groundwater are localized, stable or decreasing over time, and not migrating.

On-site concentrations of contaminants are below maximum contaminant levels (MCLs), the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Off-site detections above MCLs are limited to carbon tetrachloride at two locations, where concentrations are expected to decrease to below the MCL within approximately 10 years.

If there are no major concerns raised during the public comment period, the Water Board concurs with Olin's request for NFA for groundwater at the Site.

The request for NFA is now open to the public for comments and concerns for a period of 30 days.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Historical reports and the request for NFA for groundwater can be viewed by accessing the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website for the Site by scanning the QR code below or visiting: (https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report?global_id=SL185422914). Documents from the public comment period will be published to GeoTracker.

The case file for the Site is also available for review at the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board office located at 11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. To make an appointment for a file review, please email Amber Ginorio at amber.ginorio@waterboards.ca.gov.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Contact Amber Ginorio with the Water Board below to learn more about the case. Please submit comments on the planned regulatory closure for the Site to Amber Ginorio at the Water Board by **7 December 2025.**

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Figure 1 – Site Boundary