



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

PUBLIC NOTICE: PROPOSED CLEANUP PROGRAM SITE CASE CLOSURE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: July 29, 2024 through September 9, 2024

**MEZA BROTHERS, INC. (T10000021068)
2657 EAST PACHECO BOULEVARD, LOS BANOS, MERCED COUNTY**

In 2009 and 2015, during the investigation of a former Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) case, the chlorinated solvent tetrachloroethene (PCE) was detected in soil gas samples collected near the residence on this property. PCE was detected at concentrations that exceeded residential vapor intrusion human health risk levels. In March 2023, Central Valley Water Board staff (Staff) opened a Cleanup Program Site (SCP) case for the PCE detections. In July 2023, Staff closed the LUST case. A source of PCE was not discovered during the investigation of the former LUST case.

In February 2024, the property owner, Meza Brothers, Inc. (Meza Bros.), collected additional soil gas samples near previous locations where PCE was detected. Chlorinated solvents, including PCE, were not detected in the samples. Based on these results, and investigation results from the former LUST case, Meza Bros. environmental consultant, Apex Companies, LLC (Apex), concluded that the historical detections of PCE were isolated and caused by small surface spill(s) likely the result of farm or household activities. Apex also concluded that a vapor intrusion risk was not posed to occupants of the residence based on the absence of detections of chlorinated solvents in the February 2024 soil gas samples. Apex recommended No Further Action and that the Central Valley Water Board close the SCP case. Staff concurs with Apex that the SCP case is suitable for closure.

As part of the case closure process, Staff is providing the public with the opportunity to comment on the proposed closure of this case. This notice is being given to the owners and residents of properties around the subject property, other interested groups, and the public. If you want to comment on the proposed closure of this case, please contact the Central Valley Water Board by using the contact information provided below before the end of the comment period. A site map of the property is provided at the end of this memo.

MARK BRADFORD, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can obtain additional information on the [State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>).

Please contact Michael DeSmet with the Central Valley Water Board if you have any comments or questions about this Public Notice or about the testing completed at the Meza Brothers, Inc. site:

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NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED

TDD users can obtain information about this case by using the California State Relay Service (800) 735-2929 to reach the Public Participation Specialist. Ask them to contact the Central Valley Water Board at (916) 464-3291 regarding the Public Notice for the proposed closure of the Meza Brothers, Inc. case.

Site Map: Meza Brothers, Inc. (T10000021068)
2657 East Pacheco Boulevard, Los Banos, Merced County

