
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

23 July 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE CLOSURE CONSIDERATION, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK RELEASE, VACANT BUILDING, 812 OLLER STREET, MENDOTA, FRESNO COUNTY, RB CASE NO. 5T10000212

This letter is to inform interested parties of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board) consideration of closing the case at the subject address (Site) and to request comments from interested parties. The Site was previously utilized as a service station with fuel sales on the south corner of Oller Street and Eighth Street and is currently operated just as a smog check facility.

In December 1989, two 1,000-gallon and one 500-gallon underground storage tanks (USTs) were removed from the Site. Analytical results of soil samples collected from beneath the USTs indicated the presence of total petroleum hydrocarbons gasoline range (TPHg) in concentrations up to 1,400 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), total petroleum hydrocarbons diesel range (TPHd) in concentrations up to 1,600 mg/kg and benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, and total xylenes (BTEX) in respective concentrations up to 0.45 mg/kg, 5.1 mg/kg, 32 mg/kg, and 24 mg/kg. Fresno County Community Health Department considered this evidence of a release and on 27 August 2007, referred the Site to the Central Valley Water Board for regulatory oversight.

Central Valley Water Board staff requested additional Site investigation to assess the release. In December 2023 a workplan for Site assessment was submitted for review and was approved by Central Valley Water Board staff in January 2024. Site investigation occurred in January 2024 when three soil borings were advanced to a depth of 35 feet below ground surface (bgs). Soil samples were sent to a State of California accredited laboratory for analysis of TPHd, TPHg, BTEX, methyl tert butyl ether (MTBE), and naphthalene. Analytical results indicated the presence of TPHg in concentrations up to 700 mg/kg, TPHd in concentrations up to 280 mg/kg as well as low concentrations of ethyl benzene, total xylenes, and naphthalene. The investigation determined the release extended to a depth of approximately 25 feet bgs and approximately 20 feet laterally from the source area.

Soil vapor was also analyzed for BTEX and naphthalene which were present in extremely low concentrations (less than 20 micrograms per cubic meter), less than the criteria contained in the Policy for residential facilities. Groundwater was not

encountered during the investigation and is reported to be more than 45 feet bgs., and not expected to be impacted by this release.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted the *Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy* (Policy). This case has been evaluated for closure based on the evidence presented in the investigation reports and meets the case closure criteria set forth in the Policy. Soil and soil vapor sample results indicate there should be no risk to human health and safety or the environment from the UST release.

This Public Notice has been transmitted to the parties adjacent to the Site, as well as posted on the [Central Valley Water Board website](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/) available at (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/) Underground Storage Tank – Decisions Pending, Case Closures. Details of the assessment are also available to interested parties through the [State Water Board's GeoTracker website](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov) (<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>).

You may participate in the case closure process by reviewing technical reports, asking questions, and providing comments on the proposed case closure. The Central Valley Water Board case number is 5T10000212.

Please submit any comments regarding the proposed case closure to the Central Valley Water Board's Fresno office by **23 September 2024**.

Interested parties with questions or comments regarding the Site or proposed actions should contact the case worker, Micheale.Easley@waterboards.ca.gov.

Upon completion of the public comment period, and in the absence of substantive comments against closure being granted, Central Valley Water Board staff will proceed with the case closure process.