
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

PUBLIC NOTICE: PROPOSED PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE CLOSURE

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 8 April through 7 June 2024

HESS-DUBOIS CLEANERS (FORMER); 348 WEST HARDING WAY, STOCKTON, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY; LUST CASE #390621, GLOBAL ID T0607700483

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) invites public comment on the proposed case closure of the Hess-Dubois Cleaners petroleum Leaking Underground Storage Tank (UST) release case, located at 348 West Harding Way in Stockton, CA (property). A map showing the investigation area and the current remaining extent of petroleum impact to groundwater is attached as Figure 1.

The Property was formerly operated as a dry cleaner, which used Stoddard Solvent to clean the clothes. Stoddard Solvent is a petroleum hydrocarbon product and was stored in eight USTs at the Property. In 1991, the former property owner removed the eight of the USTs from the Property. In 2015, the current property owner removed two additional USTs from the Property which contained unknown contents and heating oil. The property owner removed a total of 177 cubic yards of contaminated soil from the 2015 UST excavation. Between 1993 and 2023 various consultants assessed the extent of contamination. During this investigation, both petroleum hydrocarbons and non-petroleum chlorinated hydrocarbons were identified beneath the property. Central Valley Water Board staff has opened a separate Cleanup Program case for the non-petroleum chlorinated hydrocarbons and is currently enforcing the cleanup of the chlorinated hydrocarbons. The proposed closure of the UST case has no bearing on the status of the chlorinated solvents Cleanup Program case.

Some Stoddard Solvent petroleum remains in soil and groundwater. However, based on sample data, the consultant concluded that the remaining petroleum is not a risk to human health. The remaining petroleum plume in groundwater is breaking down and shrinking. The attached figure shows the remaining petroleum in groundwater.

The Central Valley Water Board staff is issuing this notice to you and providing a 60-day public comment period to the owners and occupants of all properties near the former Hess-Dubois Cleaners and other interested parties. Central Valley Water Board staff will consider comments received when evaluating the case closure.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can obtain additional information on the [State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker webproperty](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>). Please contact Alan M. Buehler with the Central Valley Water Board if you have any comments or questions about this Public Notice or about the environmental cleanup activities at Hess-Dubois Cleaners (Former):

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Notice to the Hearing Impaired

TDD users can obtain information about the Property 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 Leaking UST case closure of Hess-Dubois Cleaners (Former).

