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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

1 May 2024

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### **CASE CLOSURE CONSIDERATION, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK RELEASE, VISA PETROLEUM, 2414 MONTEREY STREET, FRESNO COUNTY, RB CASE NO 5T10000920**

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 is currently operated as a bulk plant and fueling facility.

In January 2014, three 20,000-gallon gasoline underground storage tanks (USTs), and one 20,000-gallon diesel UST, dispensers, and associated product piping were removed as part of a Site upgrade. Analytical results of soil samples collected from beneath the USTs, dispensers, and associated product piping indicated the presence of total petroleum hydrocarbons gasoline range constituents (TPHg) in concentrations up to 6,300 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) and total petroleum hydrocarbons diesel range (TPHd) in concentrations up to 13,000 mg/kg. Fresno County Environmental Health Division considered this evidence of an unauthorized release and referred the case to the Central Valley Water Board for regulatory oversight on 20 February 2015.

Soil investigations began in February 2016 and continued through January 2020. Soil samples collected during each investigation were sent to a State of California accredited laboratory. Analyses included TPHg and TPHd by EPA Method 8015; benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, and total xylenes (BTEX), methyl tert butyl ether (MTBE) and naphthalene by EPA Method 8260. Soil investigations determined the release extended to groundwater.

Groundwater investigations began in May 2017 with the installation of three groundwater monitoring wells, with an additional well installed in November 2018. Groundwater monitoring continued from May 2017 through December 2023. Groundwater samples were analyzed for TPHg, TPHd, BTEX, MTBE, fuel oxygenates, and naphthalene. Analytical results indicated the presence of TPHg, BTEX, and MTBE in respective concentrations up to 310 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ), 8.4  $\mu\text{g/L}$ , 5.3  $\mu\text{g/L}$ , 7.2  $\mu\text{g/L}$ , 44  $\mu\text{g/L}$ , and 24  $\mu\text{g/L}$ . The contaminant plume in groundwater extended approximately 80 feet from the source area.

Site remediation began in January 2020 with a soil vapor extraction (SVE) pilot test, and continued through 6 September 2023. The SVE system removed an estimated total of 16,100 pounds of petroleum hydrocarbons from the subsurface soil.

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 groundwater sampling results indicate there should be no risk to human health and safety or the environment from the UST release.

This Site meets the exception to the vapor intrusion to indoor air media specific criteria. Exposures to petroleum vapors associated with historical fuel system releases are comparatively insignificant relative to exposures from small surface spills and fugitive vapor releases that typically occur at active fueling facilities.

This Public Notice has been transmitted to the parties adjacent to the Site, as well as posted on the [Central Valley Water Board's website](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/) available at ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public\\_notices/](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 5T10000920.

Please submit any comments regarding the proposed case closure to the Central Valley Water Board's Fresno office by **1 July 2024**.

Interested parties with questions or comments regarding the Site or proposed actions should contact the case worker, Micheale Easley at 1685 E Street in Fresno, at (559) 488-4391, or by email at [Micheale.Easley@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto: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.