

Notice of Proposed Corrective Action Plan Concurrence

For

Humboldt County Department of Public Works
Blue Lake Maintenance Station
746 K Street
Blue Lake, CA
Case No. 1THU125

Internet Posting Date: January 10, 2011

Comment Period Ends: **February 10, 2011**

Problem Description

The project site is an active maintenance facility owned and operated by the Humboldt County Department of Public Works. In 1988, two 1000-gallon underground storage tanks (USTs) were taken out of service, cleaned, rinsed, and interiors made inert. They were removed in 1998. The former USTs contained gasoline and diesel fuels.

Site Characterization

Borings and groundwater monitoring wells have been used to define the extent of groundwater and soil contamination. Implemented sampling and monitoring shows that total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPHG) and diesel (TPHD) remain as dissolved phase constituents of concern in the groundwater that is both on-Site and partly off-Site beneath Fifth Street.

Proposed Corrective Action

Monitored natural attenuation is selected as the preferred remedial technology because the former USTs have been removed, extent of groundwater contamination is defined, there are no known completed transport and exposure pathways, and residual TPHG and TPHD will achieve numeric water quality objectives in a reasonable period of time. Continued monitoring will occur through time to verify that in-situ aerobic biodegradation keeps reducing residual TPHG and TPHD concentrations and hence time to achieve WQOs remains both reasonable and verifiable

California Environmental Quality Act

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, as the lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, has determined that this project will have no significant effect on the environment and is categorically exempt from CEQA (Article 19, Section 15330).

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board staff intends to concur with the proposed action without further notice unless significant public comment is received by February 10, 2011. Please contact David W. Parson at (707) 576-2556 or at dparson@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions or comments regarding this project. You may also submit written comments to:

**North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attention: David W. Parson
5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

Additional information regarding this site can also be obtained through the Internet by going to the GeoTracker website at <http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>, following the "Case Finder" link, and entering the case number for this site (1THU125).

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