

Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For

Former Unocal Bulk Plant #762248
359 Main Street
Fortuna, California
Humboldt County

Case No. 1NHU248

Internet Posting Date: July 15, 2014

End of Comment Period: September 29, 2014

Problem Description:

The site was occupied by petroleum storage facilities from 1924 to 1984. The facilities included at least five above ground tanks and distribution piping used for kerosene, diesel fuel, and gasoline. Site assessment activities initiated in 1991 identified impacts from petroleum hydrocarbon discharges to soil and groundwater.

Completed Actions:

The responsible parties excavated and removed petroleum impacted soil for off-site disposal, including approximately 1,600 cubic yards in 1997, 988 cubic yards in 2000, and 5,095 cubic yards in 2013. Between 1991 and 2005, the responsible parties installed twenty-one groundwater monitoring wells and two piezometers. Groundwater monitoring was conducted periodically from March 1991 through December 2013.

Assessment and Future Management of Residual Contamination:

Petroleum hydrocarbon contamination remains in soil and groundwater beneath the site. The sources of contamination have been removed to the extent feasible, and the spatial extent of contamination in groundwater is stable or decreasing. The site property owner and Regional Water Board will establish a "Covenant for Environmental Restriction on Property" to ensure that future subsurface activities at the site will be managed to prevent contaminant migration and exposures.

Proposed Action:

Regional Water Board staff plans to proceed with the case closure process upon conclusion of the comment period unless new information or significant comments are received.

Please direct questions or comments regarding this case to Jim Tischler at (707) 576-2469 or James.Tischler@waterboards.ca.gov. Written comments may also be submitted to the following address:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attention: Jim Tischler
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The Regional Water Board records for the site are contained in the file known as "Unocal Bulk Plant," Case Number 1NHU248. The file may be reviewed at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are recommended and can be arranged by calling (707) 576-2220. Some file materials are also available on the Geotracker website at http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0602393213.