
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For

Comptche Store AST
31051 Comptche-Ukiah Road
Comptche, California

Case Number 1NMC630

Mendocino County

Notice Posting Date: April 24, 2024

End of Comment Period: May 24, 2024

A soil and groundwater investigation conducted at the referenced site discovered a release of petroleum hydrocarbons in the gasoline range (TPHg). Although some contamination remains, this site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's Resolution 92-49. Regional Water Board staff proposes that no further work be required. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties, including owners of nearby land, that the case is being considered for closure, and to invite public comment on this proposed decision.

Problem Description

The Regional Water Board was first alerted of a reported small gasoline spill (150-240 gallons) from an above ground storage tank (AST) at the site in March of 2014. During the soil excavation around the AST and connective piping, two abandoned underground storage tanks (USTs) were discovered downgradient of the AST. These USTs had significant evidence of leaking. The discovery of the abandoned USTs and respective subsurface impacts prompted the opening of UST Case No. 1NMC630, which is being investigated separately. Groundwater monitoring at the site has shown contamination in groundwater in the immediate vicinity of the AST, but the contamination is no longer spreading and any remaining impacts from the AST do not pose a threat to human health or the environment.

Proposed Action

Case closure is proposed. This site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's "[Resolution 92-49](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/site_cleanup_program/resolution_92_49.html)" (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/site_cleanup_program/resolution_92_49.html).

Unless significant comments are received or new information is presented regarding this site, Regional Water Board staff plans to proceed with the closure process upon conclusion of the comment period. Please contact Michael Sullivan at (707) 576-2377 or Michael.sullivan@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions or comments. Written comments may also be submitted to:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attention: Michael W. Sullivan
5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Regional Water Board site records comprise both a paper file and an electronic file. Beginning in 2005, select file material was uploaded to the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website and not necessarily included in the paper file. All new file material after 2014 is retained only electronically. [The GeoTracker records](#) are available at
(http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T10000021647).

The paper file ("Copmtche Store", Case No. 1NMC648 and 1NMC630) may be reviewed at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are recommended and can be arranged by calling (707) 576-2220.