Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For Lipscomb, John Property C and D Street (APN 001-054-047) Eureka, CA

Case Number 1NHU224 Humboldt County

Notice Posting Date: May 7, 2024

End of Comment Period: June 7, 2024

Soil and groundwater investigations were conducted at the above-referenced site and sporadic detections of petroleum hydrocarbons in soil and groundwater was documented. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (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

This site is in an area of the City of Eureka which was reclaimed marshland in the 1850s and has included wharf and warehouse uses. Prior warehouses on and in the vicinity of the site were used for the storage of wood, hay, coal, and equipment. Fish cannery operations and light manufacturing have also been conducted in the site area. The warehouses were demolished by the City of Eureka in the 1990s.

Grab groundwater samples collected from test pits excavated at the site in 1990 indicated concentrations of diesel contaminants above regional screening levels. Analytical results from shallow and near surface soil samples collected at the site in 2016 and 2023 indicated no detected petroleum hydrocarbon or lead concentrations greater than risk-based regulatory screening levels.

Proposed Action

Case closure is proposed. This site meets the conditions for closure under State Water Resources Control Board Resolution 92-49.

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 Francois Bush at (707) 543-7148 or Francois.Bush@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions or comments. Written comments may also be submitted to:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Attention: Francois Bush 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A Santa Rosa, CA 95403 All records for this case are available electronically on the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website at (https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0602393169)