

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND COMMENT PERIOD

Former Nestlé USA Inc. Facility Ripon, San Joaquin County

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) invites you to attend a public meeting on the Remedial Action Plan and Water Replacement Contingency Plan for the former Nestlé USA Inc. facility. Interested persons are also welcome to provide comments on these documents. The public comment period runs from March 14 through April 13, 2025.

PUBLIC MEETING

The Water Board will host an in-person community meeting to discuss the Remedial Action Plan and Water Replacement Contingency Plan and answer the public's concerns or questions in an open-house format. Representatives from Nestlé will also be present to answer questions. You are welcome to join at any time.

DATE: Tuesday, March 25, 2025

TIME: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

LOCATION: Ripon City Hall, EOC Room, 259 North Wilma Avenue, Ripon, CA 95366

BACKGROUND

Nestlé USA, Inc. (Nestlé) operated a plant at 230 Industrial Avenue in Ripon that used trichloroethene (TCE), primarily in the 1960s, as part of its operations. Testing conducted by Nestlé in the late 1980s confirmed that TCE was found in soil and groundwater near the plant. While there could be multiple possible industrial or commercial sources for TCE in the groundwater, Nestlé completed extensive efforts to remove TCE and its breakdown products from soil and groundwater since the 1980s, in coordination with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) and the City of Ripon. The Water Board is the lead regulatory agency overseeing groundwater investigation and cleanup activities in and around the former plant (Site). Nestlé is proposing a final remedy for groundwater, which is described in its Remedial Action Plan.

SITE INVESTIGATION AND REMEDIATION

Since the 1980s Nestlé has conducted a robust series of groundwater investigation, remediation, and monitoring activities at the Site in coordination with the Water Board, the City of Ripon, and other stakeholders. Currently, Nestlé operates two groundwater extraction and treatment systems and replenishes the aquifer with treated water, and uses treated water for irrigation of playing fields at a local school. The soil and groundwater remediation efforts have translated to substantial progress toward Site cleanup. However, at some locations and depth intervals, chemicals of concern are still detected in groundwater above cleanup goals. Nestlé performs ongoing remediation and monitoring activities for groundwater under the oversight of the Water Board. The ongoing groundwater monitoring program for the Site includes over 170 wells, and the results show that concentrations of TCE and related compounds in groundwater have declined by several orders of magnitude in several monitoring wells.

REMEDIATION ACTION PLAN & WATER REPLACEMENT CONTINGENCY PLAN

To further Site cleanup and mitigate exposure to Site chemicals of concern, Nestlé submitted the Draft Final versions of the Remedial Action Plan and Water Replacement Contingency Plan to the Water Board for consideration and approval. The purpose of the Remedial Action Plan is to provide information on

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environmental conditions and use technical data supporting the remedial action selected for the Site. The overall objective of the remedy is to restore groundwater contaminated with Site chemicals of concern to levels that are protective of human health and the environment. One element of the overall remedy is water replacement and/or treatment as needed for private and public supply wells. This process is described in the Water Replacement Contingency Plan.

HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS

You are also invited to submit written comments on the Remedial Action Plan and Water Replacement Contingency Plan. Written comments must be mailed or emailed no later than April 13, 2025 to the Water Board’s Project Manager, Amber Ginorio, PG, at 11020 Sun Center Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 or Amber.Ginorio@Waterboards.ca.gov. You can also reach Amber at 916.464.4670.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Remedial Action Plan, Water Replacement Contingency Plan, and other Site related documents are available for download on the State’s [Geotracker website](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=SL205012989):

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You can also scan the QR codes below for a direct link to the Remedial Action Plan and Water Replacement Contingency Plan:



Remedial Action Plan



Water Replacement Contingency Plan

NEXT STEPS

After addressing comments and feedback from the Water Board and the public, Nestlé will submit a final Remedial Action Plan and Water Replacement Contingency Plan. Once approved by the Water Board, Nestlé will promptly implement the elements of the final remedy (note that some components of the remedy, such as the groundwater treatment systems, are already in place).

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