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PUBLIC NOTICE FACT SHEET
Former Occidental Chemical Corporation and
J.R. Simplot Fresno Facilities
6385 E. North Avenue, Fresno, Fresno County

Public Notice: The California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) invites public comment on a proposed regulatory case closure for a Former Simplot Fresno Facility at 6385 E. North Avenue, Fresno, California (Site).

This Public Notice fact sheet provides general information on the Site. A map showing the location of the Site is attached (Figure 1).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

3 July 2025 through 2 August 2025

CASE SUMMARY

The Site is in an agricultural area of Fresno County, approximately 6 miles southeast of Fresno. Historical operations at the Site included the storage and sale of pesticides, fumigants, fertilizers, and other agricultural chemicals. As part of these operations, aboveground storage tanks and equipment wash racks were present at the Site. Surface runoff and rinse water from historical operations discharged to an unlined surface impoundment at the southern perimeter of the Site.

In late 1987, the unlined surface impoundment was excavated until concentrations of pesticides and the fumigant 1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP) were no longer detected. The impoundment was then backfilled with clean fill, graded, and paved with a 3-inch-thick surface of asphaltic cement. Post-excavation groundwater monitoring conducted from 1988 to 1994 demonstrated that chemicals of interest were not present above cleanup levels.

On June 7, 2022, the Water Board issued a Water Code Section 13267 Order to Submit Technical Reports (the Order), requiring additional soil and groundwater investigation of chemicals present in fumigants, including DBCP, 1,2-dichloropropane (DCP), and 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP). To satisfy the requirements of the Order, additional soil and groundwater samples were collected from the Site in 2023 and analyzed for chemicals including DCP, TCP, and DBCP. These chemicals were not detected in any of the soil samples collected at the Site. Where detected in groundwater beneath the Site, concentrations of these compounds were comparable to or below regulatory limits.

The results of the 2023 Site Investigation demonstrated that there is no source of DBCP, DCP, or TCP at the Site and the low concentrations present in groundwater do not present a meaningful risk to human health or the environment.

Central Valley Water Board staff have conditionally concurred that based on available information no further action is appropriate for the Site and that the Site does not pose an unacceptable threat to human health, the environment, or future Site activities under commercial/industrial use. However, Central Valley Water Board staff will consider all public comments received before making a final decision on case closure.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Historical reports, the request for regulatory case closure, and Central Valley Water Board Correspondence for this case can be viewed by accessing the [State Water Resources Control Boards's GeoTracker Website](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?gid=SLT5FR811046). (<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?gid=SLT5FR811046>)

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE

Any interested individual can learn more about the case by contacting Paul Dotson with the Central Valley Water Board. Written comments regarding the planned regulatory case closure for the Site must be submitted to Paul Dotson by 2 August 2025:

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Notice to the Hearing Impaired

TDD users can obtain information about the Site by using the California State Relay Service (800) 735-2929 to reach the Public Participation Specialist. Ask them to contact the Central Valley Water Board at (559) 445-5116 regarding the proposed "No Further Action" determination for the Bob's Petro Products case.

Figure 1 – Site Location Map

