

## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

### PUBLIC NOTICE:

### PROPOSED PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE CLOSURE

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** 26 February 2024 through 26 April 2024

**SEARS AUTO CENTER #6799; 5900 SUNRISE MALL ROAD, CITRUS HEIGHTS, SACRAMENTO COUNTY; LUST CASE #341540, GLOBAL ID #T10000010976**

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) invites public comment on the proposed case closure of the Sears Auto Center #6799 leaking underground storage tank (UST) case located at 5900 Sunrise Mall Road in Citrus Heights, CA (property). Maps of the previous soil and groundwater investigations on the subject property are attached as Figures 1 and 2.

The Sears Auto Service Center previously operated on the property dating back to 1972. Between 1986 and 1989, Sears removed three 10,000-gallon gasoline USTs and the fuel dispensers from the east side of the auto shop building. Sears did not investigate beneath the gasoline USTs during the removal process for signs of a petroleum release. By 1994, contractors for Sears removed a 1,000-gallon waste oil tank from the north side of the building and the underground piping network associated with the former gasoline USTs, dispenser island, and waste oil tank. Between 2015 and 2018, consultants advanced multiple borings to investigate petroleum impacts to soil and groundwater near the former waste oil tank and oil water separator. In June 2018, Vertex Companies, Inc. evaluated the property in accordance with the State Water Board's *Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy* and requested case closure. The Sacramento County Environmental Health Department denied the request for case closure because the area beneath the former gasoline USTs on the eastern side of the auto shop building had not been investigated as a potential source of the groundwater contamination detected near the former waste oil tank.

In November 2023, CREtelligent conducted a soil and groundwater investigation in the area of the former gasoline USTs and did not detect petroleum concentrations. CREtelligent concluded that the former gasoline USTs area was not the source of the petroleum impacts to groundwater on the property and stated that additional investigation efforts are not warranted. The residual petroleum impacts to soil and groundwater from the release are limited to the former Sears property and are not a risk to human health or the environment.

Central Valley Water Board staff reviewed the previous investigation results and has determined that the case may be eligible for closure. Central Valley Water Board staff is issuing this notice and providing a 60-day public comment period to the owners and occupants of properties near the Sears Auto Center #6799 property and to other interested parties. Water Board staff will consider comments they receive when evaluating the case closure.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

You can obtain additional information on the [State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>). Please contact Mitch Messmer with the Central Valley Water Board if you have any comments or questions about this Public Notice or about the environmental cleanup activities for Sears Auto Center #6799:

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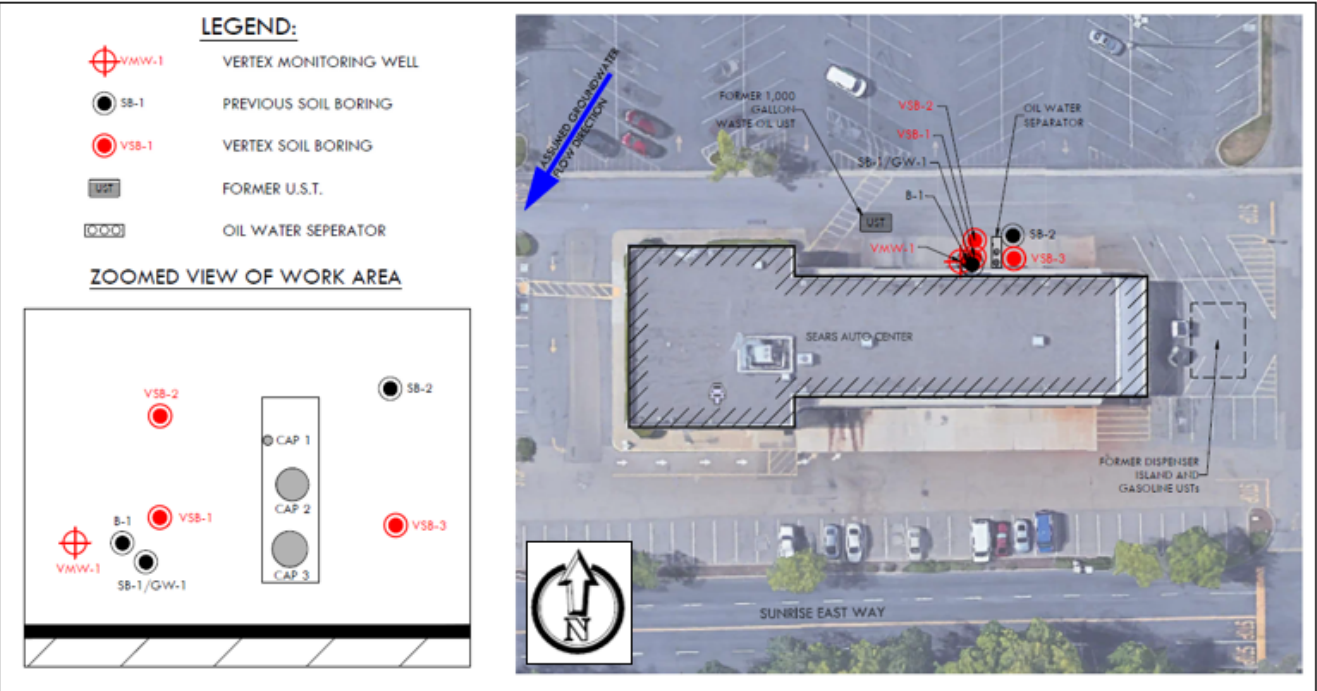
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## ATTACHMENT

Figures 1 and 2



**Figure 1:** Site map from the 11 December 2023 *Phase II Limited Site Investigation* report (available on GeoTracker)



**Figure 2:** Site map from the 4 May 2018 *Preliminary Investigation and Evaluation Report* (available on GeoTracker)