

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100  
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Public Notice No. 7-24-45  
Date: November 15, 2024

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PROPOSED UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE CLOSURE  
PURSUANT TO  
LOW-THREAT CLOSURE POLICY  
FOR  
COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY  
126 SOUTH THIRD STREET, EL CENTRO, IMPERIAL COUNTY  
GLOBAL ID NO. T10000019745**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Regional Water Board) will accept written comments on the proposed case closure for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company (Coca-Cola) site, located at 126 South Third Street, El Centro, Imperial County, California, GeoTracker Global ID No. T10000019745 (Site).

This Site is being proposed for case closure pursuant to the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Water Quality Control Policy for Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure (Policy), adopted via Resolution No. 2012-0016 on August 17, 2012. In adopting this Policy, the State Water Board determined that certain underground storage tank (UST) cases are appropriate for closure if they pose a low threat to human health, safety, and the environment. Low threat is established under the Policy by demonstrating the Site meets the general and media-specific criteria established in the Policy, satisfies the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 25296.10, and is consistent with State Water Board Resolution 92-49's requirement that cleanup goals and objectives be achieved within a reasonable time. Although the Policy does not specifically address other petroleum release scenarios, the Policy states "if a particular site with a different petroleum release scenario exhibits attributes similar to those which this policy addresses, the criteria for closure evaluation of these non-UST sites should be similar to those in this Policy (Policy, page 2).

The UST release at this Site belongs under other petroleum release scenarios and exhibits attributes similar to those addressed by the Policy, therefore the criteria used to evaluate closure for this Site is similar to those in the Policy.

Regional Water Board staff has completed the review of the case identified above, determined that the case meets the general and media-specific closure criteria of the Policy as well as complies with Health and Safety Code section 25296.10 and State Water Board Resolution 92-49, and will make a recommendation to the Regional Water Board's Executive Officer for case closure. This recommendation is based upon the facts and circumstances of this particular case. The case record that is the basis for determining compliance with the Policy is available on the State Water Board's GeoTracker database at:

[https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=T10000019745](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T10000019745)

Or scan this QR Code:



Pursuant to the Policy, the Regional Water Board is providing notice of the proposed UST case closure to the responsible party, environmental consultant on record, municipal and county water districts, special act districts with groundwater management authority, agencies authorized to issue building permits for land affected by the petroleum release, owners and occupants of the property impacted by the petroleum release, and owners and occupants of all parcels adjacent to the impacted property, as applicable. This Notice will also be posted on the Regional Water Board's website.

### **DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY**

A draft Case Closure Summary has been prepared for the Site that forms the basis for UST Cleanup staff's recommendation for case closure to the Regional Water Board's Executive Officer. The document is available for view or download on the GeoTracker database at the link identified above. Copies of the draft Case Closure Summary are also available upon request to Ms. Monica Aragon Guzman at [monica.aragon-guzman@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:monica.aragon-guzman@waterboards.ca.gov) or (760) 776-8940.

### **SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS**

The Regional Water Board will accept written comments regarding the proposed case closure during a sixty (60) day public comment period, which begins **November 15, 2024**, and ends **January 14, 2025**. Persons wishing to submit written comments on the proposed case closure are requested to do so by **5:00 pm** on **January 14, 2025**, to be given sufficient consideration.

Interested person(s) is/are encouraged to submit their comments electronically. Comments can be submitted to Ms. Monica Aragon Guzman via e-mail: [monica.aragon-guzman@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:monica.aragon-guzman@waterboards.ca.gov) (if less than 10 megabytes in total size), or by fax at (760) 341-6820 with the subject "**Comment Letter – Coca-Cola Bottling Company, 126 South Third Street, El Centro, Imperial County, California; Global ID No. T10000019745**". Written comments may also be mailed to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region  
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Attn: Ms. Monica Aragon Guzman

Please direct any questions regarding this Notice to Ms. Monica Aragon Guzman at (760) 776-8940 or [monica.aragon-guzman@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:monica.aragon-guzman@waterboards.ca.gov).