
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For

Former Fir Haven Shell
5251 Highway 254
Miranda, California

Case Number 1THU748

Humboldt County

Notice Posting Date: January 8, 2024

End of Comment Period: March 8, 2024

A release of petroleum hydrocarbons was documented and soil and groundwater investigations were conducted at the above-referenced site. Although some contamination remains, this site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's "Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy." 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

Two 1,000-gallon gasoline underground storage tanks (USTs) were abandoned in place in March 2001. Soil and groundwater remediation was conducted via a high vacuum dual phase extraction system from October 2017 through November 2018 which removed an estimated 1,000 pounds of petroleum hydrocarbons from site soil and groundwater. The site and nearby properties are not in the area of a public water system; however, the site obtains water from a domestic well located on the adjacent property to the east of the site: the "Shill Well", approximately 250 feet cross-gradient from the edge of the contaminated groundwater plume. No petroleum hydrocarbon-related compounds have been detected in groundwater from this well and the on-site impacted groundwater plume is decreasing in size.

Proposed Action

Case closure is proposed. This site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's "[Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/lt_cls_plcy.html)" (available on the internet at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/lt_cls_plcy.html).

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:

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Regional Water Board site records comprise an electronic file that can be accessed on the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website. [The GeoTracker records](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0602391110) are available at (https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0602391110).