
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For

McPhails Fuel company
975-1055 Wright Street
Santa Rosa, California

Case Number 1NSR159

Sonoma County

Notice Posting Date: November 6, 2024

End of Comment Period: December 6, 2024

A soil and groundwater investigation conducted at the referenced site discovered the release of petroleum hydrocarbons and solvents. Although some contamination remains, this site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's Resolution 92-49. The Regional Water Board 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 comments on this proposed decision.

Problem Description

A previous leak of Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons as Gasoline (TPHg) and as Diesel (TPHd) from an Above Ground Storage Tanks (ASTs) and an Underground Storage Tank (UST), removed in December 1989, released TPHd, TPHg and Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) to soil and groundwater at this site. Soil and groundwater at and around the site have been investigated. In addition, tetrachloroethene (PCE) was discovered in a couple of soil vapor wells on and off site.

The upper three feet of affected soil were removed by Weber, Hayse & Associates (WHA) in July of 2024 to reduce risk of exposure. There is still TPHd in soil in the southwest area of the site above screening levels between three and 15 feet below ground surface (bgs).

Groundwater monitoring at the site has shown contamination in groundwater in the immediate vicinity of the site, but the contamination is no longer spreading. No water

supply wells were impacted by this contamination. PCE was detected near the former shop but is below the detection limit.

Proposed Action

Case closure is proposed, after a Land Use Covenant (LUC) deed restriction is placed on the property to manage soil excavation in the area of residual contamination using a Soil Management Plan (SMP). The LUC will also restrict the installation of any water supply wells on the property. This site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's Resolution 92-49 and case closure is recommended. For more information on [Resolution 92-49 follow this link](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/site_cleanup_program/resolution_92_49.html). (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/site_cleanup_program/resolution_92_49.html).

Unless significant comments are received or new information is presented regarding this site, the Regional Water Board staff plans to proceed with the closure process upon conclusion of the comment period. Please contact Michael Sullivan at (707) 576-2377 or Michael.sullivan@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions or comments. Written comments may also be submitted to:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attention: Michael Sullivan
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Regional Water Board site records comprise both a paper file and an electronic file. Beginning in 2005, select file material was uploaded to the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website and not necessarily included in the paper file. All new file material after 2014 is retained only electronically. [The GeoTracker records](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T10000012752) are available at https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T10000012752

The paper file ("McPhails", Case No. 1NSR475 and 1NSR159) may be reviewed at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are recommended and can be arranged by calling (707) 576-2220.