
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For

Open Door Clinic
770 10th Street
Arcata, California 95521

Case Number 1THU1003

Humboldt County

Notice Posting Date: July 11, 2024

End of Comment Period: September 9, 2024

A soil and groundwater investigation was conducted at the above-referenced site and a release of petroleum hydrocarbons was documented. 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." North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (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

The Open Door Clinic (hereafter referred to as "site") is a commercial and medical zoned parcel that presently operates as the Humboldt Open Door Clinic. An unauthorized release of total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPHg) was discovered during removal of a 550-gallon gasoline underground storage tank (UST) on June 14, 2023. Primary constituents of concern are TPHg, benzene, and ethylbenzene; all other tested constituents have been reported below laboratory reporting limits in groundwater. The site and vicinity are served by a public water system and no water supply well have been impacted by this contamination. Results from site investigation indicate the site meets the California Underground Storage Tank Low Threat Closure Policy (LTCP); therefore, Regional Water Board recommends case closure.

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)" (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 Kelsey McLaughlin at (707) 576-2466 or Kelsey.McLaughlin@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions or comments. Written comments may also be submitted to:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Regional Water Board site records for this case are available electronically on the [State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website](#) (https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report?global_id=T10000021303).