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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

### Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For

Sicard, Rita Property

1 F Street

(APN 001-121-031)

Eureka, CA

Case Number 1NHU397

Humboldt County

**Notice Posting Date: October 31, 2024**

**End of Comment Period: November 30, 2024**

Releases of lead, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and benzo(a)pyrene equivalents were documented from soil and groundwater investigations conducted at the site. Since some soil contamination remains, a land use covenant (LUC) was prepared and recorded to restrict future development and a protective cap was constructed on the site. The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) has determined with the above mitigations that risks to human health and the environment are minimal and 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**

This site is in an area of the City of Eureka which was reclaimed marshland in the 1850s and has included a lumber planing mill into the early 1900s, warehouse uses through the 1940s, and a ferry business through the 1970s. All site buildings were removed from the site by 1988. Site remediation action included excavations conducted in 1996 and 2017. Based on the results of a Human Health Risk Assessment performed on residual contamination following the excavation activities, a LUC was signed by the executive officer of the Regional Water Board and recorded for the property on December 6, 2023.

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In September 2024, a paved parking lot was completed on the site to serve as a protective “cap”. A “Soil and Cap Management Plan” (SCMP) was prepared which outlines measures to protect the integrity of the cap and provide guidance in conducting future site work involving residual contaminated soil.

### **Proposed Action**

Case closure is proposed. With the recorded institutional controls, this site meets the conditions for closure under State Water Resources Control Board Resolution 92-49.

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 François Bush at (707) 543-7148 or [Francois.Bush@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Francois.Bush@waterboards.ca.gov) with any questions or comments. Written comments may also be submitted to:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Attention: François Bush  
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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. The records are available on [GeoTracker](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0602393260) ([https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=T0602393260](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0602393260)).

The paper file (“Sicard, Rita”, Case No. 1NHU397) may be reviewed at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are recommended and can be arranged by calling (707) 576-2220.