



## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

## **Notice of Proposed No Further Action**

For

Hearst Road Diesel Spill 7501 Hearst Road, Willits, California 95490

Case No. 1NMC633

Mendocino County

Notice Posting Date: October 21, 2025

End of Comment Period: November 20, 2025

This case was opened in response to a diesel release from an above ground storage tank. A soil and groundwater investigation conducted at the referenced site discovered a release of diesel fuel. Although some contamination remains, this site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's Resolution 92-49. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) staff propose 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**

An aboveground storage tank fell over in late 2017 during a storm and released diesel fuel to the soil and groundwater beneath it. Some of the fuel also reached the nearby Rocktree Creek, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife responded with temporary booms and absorbent material to remove the diesel. Soil, groundwater, and surface water at and around the site have been subsequently investigated, and contaminated soil from the spill was excavated and treated onsite. Samples collected from monitoring wells and Rocktree Creek have shown no recent significant contamination and any remaining contamination is no longer spreading. No water supply wells were impacted by this contamination.

## **Proposed Action**

Case closure is proposed. This site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's "Resolution 92-

<u>49</u>"(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/site\_cleanup\_program/reso lution 92 49.html).

HECTOR BEDOLLA, CHAIR | VALERIE QUINTO, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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 Tom Magney at (707) 543-7128 or <a href="mailto:tom.magney@waterboards.ca.gov">mailto:tom.magney@waterboards.ca.gov</a> with any questions or comments. Written comments may also be submitted to:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Attention: Tom Magney 5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A Santa Rosa, CA 95403

All records for this case are available electronically on the <u>State Water Resources</u> <u>Control Board's GeoTracker website</u> at https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile report.asp?global id=T10000011248