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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

### Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For

MCHC Madrone  
1 Madrone Street  
Willits, California 95490

Case Number 1TMC647

Mendocino County

**Notice Posting Date: January 14, 2025**

**End of Comment Period: March 15, 2025**

A soil and groundwater investigation were conducted at the above-referenced site and a release of petroleum hydrocarbons was documented to soil. Although some contamination remains in soil, 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**

The site was the location of the former Howard Memorial Hospital. Following demolition of the hospital building and its foundation to prepare for development of the Mendocino Community Health Clinic, an approximately 500-gallon diesel underground storage tank (UST) was discovered. Following the UST's removal, supplemental investigation has identified that the unauthorized release has only impacted soil. The impacted soil was excavated and removed from the site in September 2024 and remaining concentrations of diesel in soil are less than environmental screening levels provided by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (SFBRWQCB) for residential use. Therefore, the site meets the California Underground Storage Tank Low Threat Closure Policy (LTCP).

**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](#)" (available on the internet at [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](mailto:Kelsey.McLaughlin@waterboards.ca.gov) with any questions or comments. Written comments may also be submitted to:

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All records for this case are available electronically on the [State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website](#) at [https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\\_report?global\\_id=T10000021429](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report?global_id=T10000021429).