



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Los Angeles Region



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### **Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Issues Cleanup and Abatement Order to Shell Oil Company**

#### **The Order is Aimed at Protecting Public Health & the Environment**

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Regional Water Board) has issued a Cleanup and Abatement Order to the Shell Oil Company, requiring the cleanup of petroleum products and other wastes that were discharged to soil and groundwater at its former Kast Property Tank Farm facility located in Carson, California.

In the mid-1960s, the Kast Property was developed into a residential neighborhood. The ongoing environmental investigation has documented soil and groundwater contamination under 285 homes on the land where Shell Oil once owned and operated a crude oil storage facility (tank farm). This Cleanup and Abatement Order directs Shell Oil to initiate comprehensive cleanup of the site.

The Order requires Shell Oil to:

- Completely delineate the extent of soil and groundwater contamination.
- Clean up the petroleum products and other wastes found in the soil, soil vapor and groundwater.
- Relocate residents during cleanup activities, as appropriate.

The Order also requires that: the cleanup will be conducted according to work plans developed under the Order and subject to Los Angeles Regional Water Board approval. The site will be remediated to attain the soil and groundwater cleanup goals, which will also be developed under the Order. The cleanup goals will be established at levels protective of human health and the environment and ensure comprehensive cleanup of the site.

“The Regional Board is extremely concerned whenever communities are exposed to toxic contamination,” said Francine Diamond, Chair of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board. “Federal and State clean water laws must be followed and enforced to protect human health and the environment. The Regional Board’s Cleanup and Abatement Order requires Shell Oil to continue taking responsibility for the past environmental contamination at the former Kast Property.”

The Cleanup and Abatement Order is posted on the Los Angeles Regional Water Board's website under announcements.

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The Los Angeles Regional Water Board is one of nine regional boards in the State. Among its principal duties are setting region-wide water quality standards and activity-specific waste discharge requirements, enforcing both federal and state clean water statutes, regulates cleanup of sites which pose an immediate or potential threat to water quality and educating the public on water quality issues. The Los Angeles Regional Water Board is comprised of nine individuals, each of whom is appointed by the Governor, and a professional staff, comprised mostly of scientists, engineers and geologists.

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