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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

### **PUBLIC NOTICE: PROPOSED UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE CLOSURE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** 22 November 2024 through 22 January 2025

#### **BARTLETT PETROLEUM (T0604728432), MERCED COUNTY CASE# 24267, 7 WEST 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET, MERCED, MERCED COUNTY**

The underground storage tank (tanks) case is located at 7 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Merced, California (Site). The owner has investigated and cleaned up fuel products from former leaking tanks at the Site. The Central Valley Water Board staff is providing you an opportunity to comment regarding the proposed tanks cleanup case closure.

The Site is a commercial and retail fuel station. In 2004, the owner removed four fuel tanks (two 10,000-gallon and two 5,000-gallon). Fuel contamination was found in the soil beneath the tanks after they were removed. Since 2004, the owner cleaned up (or investigated the area of) the former tanks. In 2024, the owner operated an active remediation system that removed about 198 pounds, or 25 gallons, of fuel products from the soil.

Some petroleum remains in soil and groundwater. In July 2024, Krazan-VEIR (the owner's environmental consultant) reported that the remediation system had removed as much fuel contamination as was practical. In their June 2024 report, Krazan-VEIR evaluated the case data and concluded that this case is eligible for closure status under the State Water Resources Control Boards Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy. The attached figure shows the property location.

The Central Valley Water Board staff is issuing this notice to you and providing a 60-day public comment period to the owners and occupants of all properties near the former Bartlett Petroleum property and other interested parties. Central Valley Water Board staff will consider comments received when evaluating the case closure.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

You can obtain additional information on the [State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/) (<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/>). Please contact Marilyn Petruescu with the Central Valley Water Board if you have any comments or questions about this Public Notice or about the environmental cleanup activities at Bartlett Petroleum:

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### Notice to the Hearing Impaired

TDD users can obtain information about the Site by using the California State Relay Service (800) 735-2929 to reach the Public Participation Specialist. Ask them to contact the Central Valley Water Board at (916) 464-3291 regarding the Public Notice for the proposed cleanup case closure of Bartlett Petroleum.

**Figure 1**  
Approximate Site boundary shown in red. Source: *Google Maps*

