



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE CLOSURE CONSIDERATION, UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK RELEASE, CAL'S EXXON GARAGE, 3728 WEST MCKINLEY AVENUE, FRESNO, FRESNO COUNTY, RB CASE NO. 5T10000278

This letter is to inform interested parties of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (Central Valley Water Board) consideration of closing the case at the subject address (Site) and to request comments from interested parties. The Site is currently operated as a long-haul trucking company and truck yard.

In May 1990, two 530-gallon gasoline underground storage tanks (USTs), product dispensers, and associated product piping were removed from the Site. Analytical results from soil samples collected from beneath the USTs and product dispensers indicated the presence of total petroleum hydrocarbons gasoline range (TPHg) in concentrations up to 4,400 micrograms per kilogram (mg/kg), and benzene, toluene, ethyl benzene, and total xylenes (BTEX) in respective maximum concentrations of 52 mg/kg, 100 mg/kg, 62 mg/kg, and 670 mg/kg. Fresno County Environmental Health Division considered this evidence of a release and referred the case to the Central Valley Water Board for regulatory oversight in December of 2007.

In February 2006, Site ownership was transferred to the addressee, and in May 2008 they were notified of their responsibility to investigate the release. Delays in the investigation at the Site occurred due to a lack of funding and representation issues by former consultants. Once the Orphan Site Cleanup Fund grant and a consultant were secured, the investigation proceeded as directed by the Central Valley Water Board.

Site investigation began in February 2025 with the advancement of five soil borings to depths of 40 feet below ground surface (bgs) (borings TH-2 through TH-6) and one soil boring to 50 feet bgs (boring TH-1). Soil samples were sent to a State of California accredited laboratory for analysis of TPHg, BTEX, naphthalene, and methyl tert butyl ether (MTBE). Analytical results indicated that TPHg, toluene, ethyl benzene, total xylenes, and naphthalene were present in respective maximum concentrations of 6,800 mg/kg, 3.3 mg/kg, 71 mg/kg, 550 mg/kg, and 31 mg/kg at maximum depths of 45 feet bgs with the highest concentrations detected at 20 to 25 feet bgs. Detections were only present in the soil samples from boring TH-1.

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A soil gas investigation was also conducted in February 2025, when a soil gas well was installed to a depth of five feet bgs. Soil vapor was sampled and sent to a State accredited laboratory and analyzed for volatile organic compounds including benzene, ethyl benzene, and naphthalene. Benzene and ethyl benzene were detected in respective concentrations of 7.3 micrograms per cubic meter, and 3.1 micrograms per cubic meter. Naphthalene was not detected to exceed laboratory method reporting limits.

Groundwater was not encountered during the investigation and is reported to be approximately 105 feet bgs. Groundwater is not expected to be affected by this release.

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) adopted the *Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy* (Policy). This case has been evaluated for closure based on the evidence presented in the investigation reports, and meets the case closure criteria contained in the Policy. Soil sample results indicate there should be no risk to human health and safety or the environment from the UST release.

This Public Notice has been transmitted to the parties adjacent to the Site, as well as posted on the [Central Valley Water Board's website](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/) available at (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/public_notices/) Underground Storage Tank – Decisions Pending, Case Closures. Details of the assessment are also available it interested parties through the [State Water Board's GeoTracker website](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov) (<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>).

You may participate in the case closure process by reviewing technical reports, asking questions, and providing comments on the proposed case closure. The Central Valley Water Board case number is 5T10000278.

Please submit any comments regarding the proposed case closure to the Central Valley Water Board's Fresno office by **25 June 2025**.

Interested parties with questions or comments regarding the Site or proposed actions should contact the case worker, Micheale Easley at 1685 E Street in Fresno, at (559) 488-4391, or by email at Micheale.Easley@waterboards.ca.gov.

Upon completion of the public comment period, and in the absence of substantive comments against closure being granted, Central Valley Water Board Staff will proceed with the case closure process.