STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

ORDER WQ 2013-0063 - UST

in the Matter of Underground Storage Tank Case Closure

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25299.39.2 and the Low Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy

BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR1:

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25299.39.2, the Manager of the Underground Storage Tank Cleanup Fund (Fund) recommends closure of the underground storage tank (UST) case at the site listed below.² The name of the Fund claimant, the Fund claim number, the site name and the applicable site address are as follows:

Juanita Corina Neyhart
Claim No. 11909
Jim's McCloud Shell
117 Squaw Valley Road, McCloud
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board - Redding

I. STATUTORY AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

Section 25299.39.2 directs the Fund manager to review the case history of claims that have been active for five years or more (five-year review), unless there is an objection from the UST owner or operator. This section further authorizes the Fund Manager to make recommendations to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for closure of a five-year-review case if the UST owner or operator approves. In response to a recommendation by the Fund Manager, the State Water Board, or in certain cases the State Water Board Executive Director, may close a case or require the closure of a UST case. Closure of a UST case is appropriate where the corrective action ensures the protection of

¹ State Water Board Resolution No. (2012-0061) delegates to the Executive Director the authority to close or require the closure of any UST case if the case meets the criteria found in the State Water Board's Low Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy adopted by State Water Board Resolution No. 2012-0016.

² Unless otherwise noted, all references are to the Health and Safety Code.

human health, safety, and the environment and where the corrective action is consistent with:

- 1) Chapter 6.7 of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code and implementing regulations;
- 2) Any applicable waste discharge requirements or other orders issued pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code; 3) All applicable state policies for water quality control; and 4) All applicable water quality control plans.

The Fund Manager has completed a five-year review of the UST case identified above, and recommends that this case be closed. The recommendation is based upon the facts and circumstances of this particular UST case. A UST Case Closure Review Summary Report has been prepared for the case identified above and the bases for determining compliance with the Water Quality Control Policy for Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closures (Low-Threat Closure Policy or Policy) are explained in the Case Closure Review Summary Report.

A. Low-Threat Closure Policy

In State Water Board Resolution No. 2012-0016, the State Water Board adopted the Low Threat Closure Policy. The Policy became effective on August 17, 2012. The Policy establishes consistent statewide case closure criteria for certain low-threat petroleum UST sites. In the absence of unique attributes or site-specific conditions that demonstrably increase the risk associated with residual petroleum constituents, cases that meet the general and media-specific criteria in the Low-Threat Closure Policy pose a low threat to human health, safety and the environment and are appropriate for closure under Health and Safety Code section 25296.10. The Policy provides that if a regulatory agency determines that a case meets the general and media-specific criteria of the Policy, then the regulatory agency shall notify responsible parties and other specified interested persons that the case is eligible for case closure. Unless the regulatory agency revises its determination based on comments received on the proposed case closure, the Policy provides that the agency shall issue a closure letter as specified in Health and Safety Code section 25296.10. The closure letter may only be issued after the expiration of the 60-day comment period, proper destruction or maintenance of monitoring wells or borings, and removal of waste associated with investigation and remediation of the site.

Health and Safety Code section 25299.57, subdivision (I)(1) provides that claims for reimbursement of corrective action costs that are received by the Fund more than 365 days after the date of a closure letter or a Letter of Commitment, whichever occurs later, shall not be reimbursed unless specified conditions are satisfied. A Letter of Commitment has already been issued on the claim subject to this order and the respective Fund claimant, so the 365-day

timeframe for the submittal of claims for corrective action costs will start upon the issuance of the closure letter.

II. FINDINGS

Based upon the UST Case Closure Review Summary Report prepared for the case attached hereto, the State Water Board finds that corrective action taken to address the unauthorized release of petroleum at the UST release site identified as:

Claim No. 11909

Jim's McCloud Shell

ensures protection of human health, safety and the environment and is consistent with Chapter 6.7 of Division 20 of the Health and Safety Code and implementing regulations, the Low-Threat Closure Policy and other water quality control policies and applicable water quality control plans.

Pursuant to the Low-Threat Closure Policy, notification has been provided to all entities that are required to receive notice of the proposed case closure, a 60-day comment period has been provided to notified parties, and any comments received have been considered by the Board in determining that the case should be closed.

The UST case identified above may be the subject of orders issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Water Board (Regional Water Board) pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code. Any orders that have been issued by the Regional Water Board pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code, or directives issued by a Local Oversight Program agency for this case should be rescinded to the extent they are inconsistent with this Order.

III. ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

A. The UST case identified in Section II of this Order, meeting the general and mediaspecific criteria established in the Low-Threat Closure Policy, be closed in accordance with the following conditions and after the following actions are complete. Prior to the issuance of a closure letter, the Fund claimant is ordered to:

- 1. Properly destroy monitoring wells and borings unless the owner of real property on which the well or boring is located certifies that the wells or borings will be maintained in accordance with local or state requirements;
- 2. Properly remove from the site and manage all waste piles, drums, debris, and other investigation and remediation derived materials in accordance with local or state requirements; and
- 3. Within six months of the date of this Order, submit documentation to the regulatory agency overseeing the UST case identified in Section II of this Order that the tasks in subparagraphs (1) and (2) have been completed.
- B. The tasks in subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph (A) are ordered pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25296.10 and failure to comply with these requirements may result in the imposition of civil penalties pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25299, subdivision (d)(1). Penalties may be imposed administratively by the State Water Board or Regional Water Board.
- C. Within 30 days of receipt of proper documentation from the Fund claimant that requirements in subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph (A) are complete, the regulatory agency that is responsible for oversight of the UST case identified in Section II of this Order shall notify the State Water Board that the tasks have been satisfactorily completed.
- D. Within 30 days of notification from the regulatory agency that the tasks are complete pursuant to paragraph (C), the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance shall issue a closure letter consistent with Health and Safety Code section 25296.10, subdivision (g) and upload the closure letter and UST Case Closure Review Summary Report to GeoTracker.
- E. As specified in Health and Safety Code section 25299.39.2, subdivision (a) (2), corrective action costs incurred after a recommendation of closure shall be limited to \$10,000 per year unless the Board or its delegated representative agrees that corrective action in excess of that amount is necessary to meet closure requirements, or additional corrective actions are necessary pursuant to section 25296.10, subdivisions (a) and (b). Pursuant to section 25299.57, subdivision (I) (1), and except in specified circumstances,

all claims for reimbursement of corrective action costs must be received by the Fund within 365 days of issuance of the closure letter in order for the costs to be considered.

F. Any Regional Water Board or Local Oversight Program Agency directive or order that directs corrective action or other action inconsistent with case closure for the UST case identified in Section II is rescinded, but only to the extent the Regional Water Board order or Local Oversight Program Agency directive is inconsistent with this Order.

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State Water Resources Control Board

UST CASE CLOSURE REVIEW SUMMARY REPORT

Agency Information

Agency Name: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Redding (Regional Water Board)	Address: 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 200, Redding, CA 96002
Agency Caseworker: Melissa Buciak	Case No.: 470034

Case Information

USTCF Claim No.: 11909	Global ID: T0609300168		
Site Name: Jim's McCloud Shell	Site Address: 117 Squaw Valley Road, McCloud, CA 96057		
Responsible Party: Juanita Corina Neyhart	Address: Private Address		
USTCF Expenditures to Date: \$574,714	Number of Years Case Open: 16		

URL: http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile report.asp?global id=T0609300168

Summary

The Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy (Policy) contains general and media-specific criteria, and cases that meet those criteria are appropriate for closure pursuant to the Policy. This case meets all of the required criteria of the Policy. A summary evaluation of compliance with the Policy is shown in **Attachment 1: Compliance with State Water Board Policies and State Law**. The Conceptual Site Model upon which the evaluation of the case has been made is described in **Attachment 2: Summary of Basic Case Information (Conceptual Site Model)**. Highlights of the case follow:

An unauthorized release was reported in August 1996 following the removal of the four USTs (three gasoline and one diesel UST). Oxygen release compound was injected at or near the former UST location and at the property boundary in July 1999. Ozone sparging has been conducted between April 2004 and August 2012. Eleven groundwater monitoring wells have been installed since 1996 and monitored irregularly. According to groundwater data, water quality objectives have been achieved or nearly achieved for all constituents except total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline (TPHg), benzene, and xylenes.

The petroleum release is limited to the soil and shallow groundwater. According to data available in GeoTracker, there are no supply wells regulated by the California Department of Public Health or surface water bodies within 1,000 feet of the defined plume boundary. No other water supply wells have been identified within 1,000 feet of the defined plume boundary in files reviewed. Water is provided to water users near the Site by the McCloud Community Services District. The affected groundwater is not currently being used as a source of drinking water, and it is highly unlikely that the affected groundwater will be used as a source of drinking water in the foreseeable future. Other designated beneficial uses of impacted groundwater are not threatened, and it is highly unlikely that they will be, considering these factors in the context of the site setting. Remaining petroleum hydrocarbon constituents are limited, stable and concentrations declining.

Corrective actions have been implemented and additional corrective actions are not necessary. Any remaining petroleum hydrocarbon constituents do not pose a significant risk to human health, safety or the environment.

Rationale for Closure under the Policy

- General Criteria: The case meets all eight Policy general criteria.
- Groundwater Specific Criteria: The case meets Policy Criterion 1 by Class 4. The contaminant plume that exceeds water quality objectives is less than 1,000 feet in length. There is no free product. The nearest water supply well or surface water body is greater than 1,000 feet from the defined plume boundary. The dissolved concentrations of benzene and MTBE are each less than 1,000 µg/L.
- Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air: The case meets the Policy Exclusion for Active Station. Soil
 vapor evaluation is not required because the Site is an active commercial petroleum fueling
 facility.
- Direct Contact and Outdoor Air Exposure: This case meets Policy Criterion 3b. A professional assessment of site-specific risk from exposure shows that maximum concentrations of petroleum constituents in soil will have no significant risk of adversely affecting human health. No soil data was found in Geotracker for review, however, recent groundwater monitoring reporting (low contaminant concentrations) indicate that any soil contamination levels present would likely be low. Furthermore, the Site is paved and accidental access to site soils is prevented. As a commercial petroleum fueling facility, any construction worker working at the Site will be prepared for exposure in their normal daily work.

Objections to Closure and Responses

The Regional Water Board requested that the Responsible Party terminate ozone sparging and to initiate rebound monitoring in their August 2012 letter.

<u>RESPONSE</u>: The ozone system was shut down August 2012 and post remediation groundwater monitoring has been performed 24 September 2012 and 21 January 2013. The results of the event are incorporated into this review.

Determination

Based on the review performed in accordance with Health & Safety Code Section 25299.39.2 subdivision (a), the Fund Manager has determined that closure of the case is appropriate.

Recommendation for Closure

Based on available information, residual petroleum hydrocarbons at the Site do not pose a significant risk to human health, safety, or the environment, and the case meets the requirements of the Policy. Accordingly, the Fund Manager recommends that the case be closed. The State Water Board is conducting public notification as required by the Policy. Siskiyou County has the regulatory responsibility to supervise the abandonment of monitoring wells.

Lisa Babcock, P.G. 3939, C.F.G. 1235

Date

Prepared by: Mark Owens, P.E.

ATTACHMENT 1: COMPLIANCE WITH STATE WATER BOARD POLICIES AND STATE LAW

The case complies with the State Water Resources Control Board policies and state law. Section 25296.10 of the Health and Safety Code requires that sites be cleaned up to protect human health, safety, and the environment. Based on available information, any residual petroleum constituents at the Site do not pose significant risk to human health, safety, or the environment.

The case complies with the requirements of the Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank (UST) Case Closure Policy as described below.¹

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¹ Refer to the Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy for closure criteria for low-threat petroleum UST sites.

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/2012/rs2012_0016atta.pdf

Has secondary source been removed to the extent practicable?	☑ Yes □ No
Has soil or groundwater been tested for MTBE and results reported in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 25296.15?	☑ Yes □ No
Nuisance as defined by Water Code section 13050 does not exist at the Site?	☑ Yes □ No
Are there unique site attributes or site-specific conditions that demonstrably increase the risk associated with residual petroleum constituents?	□ Yes ℤ No
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Is the contaminant plume that exceeds water quality objectives stable or decreasing in areal extent?	☑ Yes □ No □ NA
Does the contaminant plume that exceeds water quality objectives meet all of the additional characteristics of one of the five classes of sites?	☑ Yes □ No □ NA
If YES, check applicable class: □ 1 □ 2 □ 3 ☒ 4 □ 5	Trao, was the at
For sites with releases that have not affected groundwater, do mobile constituents (leachate, vapors, or light non-aqueous phase liquids) contain sufficient mobile constituents to cause groundwater to exceed the groundwater criteria?	□ Yes □ No ☒ NA
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2. Petroleum Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air: The site is considered low-threat for vapor intrusion to indoor air if site-specific conditions satisfy all of the characteristics of one of the three classes of sites (a through c) or if the exception for active commercial fueling facilities applies.	Done the ungel
Is the Site an active commercial petroleum fueling facility?	☑ Yes □ No
Exception: Satisfaction of the media-specific criteria for petroleum vapor intrusion to indoor air is not required at active commercial petroleum fueling facilities, except in cases where release characteristics can be reasonably believed to pose an unacceptable health risk.	Has a concept a
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a. Do site-specific conditions at the release site satisfy all of the applicable characteristics and criteria of scenarios 1 through 3 or all of the applicable characteristics and criteria of scenario 4?	ero Lein medes?" ero PEU mindenes

☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA

If YES, check applicable scenarios: $\Box 1 \Box 2 \Box 3 \Box 4$ ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA b. Has a site-specific risk assessment for the vapor intrusion pathway been conducted and demonstrates that human health is protected to the satisfaction of the regulatory agency? c. As a result of controlling exposure through the use of mitigation ☐ Yes ☐ No ☑ NA measures or through the use of institutional or engineering controls, has the regulatory agency determined that petroleum vapors migrating from soil or groundwater will have no significant risk of adversely affecting human health? 3. Direct Contact and Outdoor Air Exposure: The Site is considered low-threat for direct contact and outdoor air exposure if site-specific conditions satisfy one of the three classes of sites (a through c). a. Are maximum concentrations of petroleum constituents in soil less ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ NA than or equal to those listed in Table 1 for the specified depth below ground surface (bgs)? ☑ Yes □ No □ NA b. Are maximum concentrations of petroleum constituents in soil less than levels that a site specific risk assessment demonstrates will have no significant risk of adversely affecting human health?

c. As a result of controlling exposure through the use of mitigation

measures or through the use of institutional or engineering controls, has the regulatory agency determined that the concentrations of petroleum constituents in soil will have no

significant risk of adversely affecting human health?

ATTACHMENT 2: SUMMARY OF BASIC CASE INFORMATION (Conceptual Site Model)

Site Location/History

- This case is an active commercial petroleum fueling facility and is bounded by a business across Highway 89 to the north, an empty lot to the west and south, and a business to the east across Squaw Valley Road.
- Site maps showing the location of the current and former USTs, monitoring wells, groundwater level contours, and TPHg concentration contours are provided at the end of this closure review summary (Lawrence & Associates, 2012).
- Nature of Contaminants of Concern: Petroleum hydrocarbons only.
- Source: UST system.
- Date reported: August 1996.
- Status of Release: USTs replaced.
- Free Product: Yes; has not been detected since 2007.

Tank Information

Tank No. Size in Gallons		Contents	Closed in Place/ Removed/Active		
1	5,000	5,000 Gasoline Removed			
2	8,000	Gasoline	Removed	July 1996	
3	8,000	Gasoline	Removed	July 1996	
4	5,000	Diesel	Removed	July 1996	
5	10,000	Gasoline	Active	-	
6	10,000	Gasoline	Active	Colored Colored and a second	

Receptors

- GW Basin: McCloud Area.
- Beneficial Uses: Regional Water Board Basin Plan lists municipal and domestic supply.
- Land Use Designation: An aerial photograph from Geotracker shows mixed light commercial/residential land use in the vicinity of the Site.
- Public Water System: McCloud Community Services District.
- Distance to Nearest Supply Well: According to data available in GeoTracker, there are no
 public supply wells regulated by California Department of Public Health within 1,000 feet of
 the defined plume boundary. No other water supply wells were identified within 1,000 feet
 of the defined plume boundary in the files reviewed.
- Distance to Nearest Surface Water: There is no identified surface water within 1,000 feet of the defined plume boundary.

Geology/Hydrogeology

- Stratigraphy: The Site is underlain by interbedded and intermixed sand, silt, gravel, cobbles and clay.
- Maximum Sample Depth: 35 feet below ground surface (bgs).
- Minimum Groundwater Depth: 6.15 feet bgs at monitoring well MW-3.
- Maximum Groundwater Depth: 27.54 feet bgs at monitoring well MW-10.
- Current Average Depth to Groundwater: Approximately 22 feet bgs.
- Saturated Zones(s) Studied: Approximately 6-35 feet bgs.

- Appropriate Screen Interval: Yes.
- Groundwater Flow Direction: Southwest with a gradient of 0.025 feet/foot (September 2012).

Monitoring Well Information

Well Designation	Date Installed	Screen Interval (feet bgs)	Depth to Water (feet bgs) (09/24/2012) 17.42 ¹	
MW-1	December 1996	12-26		
MW-2	January 1997	5-26	NA	
MW-3	December 1996	10-27	NA	
MW-4	May 1997	10-25	19.62	
MW-5	May 1997	10-25	18.59 ¹	
MW-6	May 1998	5-30	23.31	
MW-7	May 1998	5-30	24.66	
MW-8	May 1998	5-30	NA	
MW-9 ²	May 1998	5-30	NA	
MW-10	July 2003	15-35	NA	
MW-11	July 2003	15-35	NA	
MW-12	July 2003	15-35	NA	

NA Not Analyzed, Not Applicable or Data Not Available

Measured on 1/21/13
 Destroyed October 2007

Remediation Summary

- Free Product: Yes; has not been detected since 2007.
- Soil Excavation: Approximately 200 cubic yards of contaminated soil were removed in 1996
- In-Situ Soil Remediation: None reported.
- Groundwater Remediation: Oxygen release compound was injected at or near the former UST location and at the property boundary in July 1999. Ozone sparging has been conducted between April 2004 to August 2012.

Most Recent Concentrations of Petroleum Constituents in Soil

Constituent	Maximum 0-5 feet bgs [mg/kg and (date)]	Maximum 5-10 feet bgs [mg/kg and (date)]	
Benzene	0.021 (01/07/97)	0.029 (01/07/97)	
Ethylbenzene	0.058 (01/07/97)	0.60 (01/07/97)	
Naphthalene	NA NA	NA	
PAHs	NA	NA	

NA: Not Analyzed, Not Applicable or Data Not Available mg/kg: Milligrams per kilogram, parts per million <: Not detected at or above stated reporting limit

PAHs: Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

Most Recent Concentrations of Petroleum Constituents in Groundwater

Sample	Sample Date	TPHg (µg/L)	Benzene (µg/L)	Toluene (µg/L)	Ethyl- Benzene (μg/L)	Xylenes (μg/L)	MTBE (µg/L)
MW-1	1/21/13	8,100	<0.5	18	60	1,900	<0.5ª
MW-3	9/24/12	<50	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1	<0.5ª
MW-4	9/24/12	<50	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1	<0.5 ^b
MW-5	1/21/13	1,000	4.4	3.4	38	28	<0.5ª
MW-6	9/24/12	1,700	9.9	<2.5	<2.5	<5	<0.5ª
MW-7	9/24/12	1,200	5.8	<2.5	3.6	<5	<0.5°
MW-8	3/18/09	<50	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<1	<0.5
MW-9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
MW-10	9/24/12	<50	<0.50	<0.50	< 0.50	<1.0	NA
WQOs	Na.se	5	0.15	42	29	17	5

NA: Not Analyzed, Not Applicable or Data Not Available

μg/L: Micrograms per liter, parts per billion

Not detected at or above stated reporting limit TPHg: Total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline

MTBE: Methyl tert-butyl ether

TBA: Tert-butyl alcohol

WQOs: Water Quality Objectives, Regional Water Board Basin Plan

a: Collected on 18 March 2009

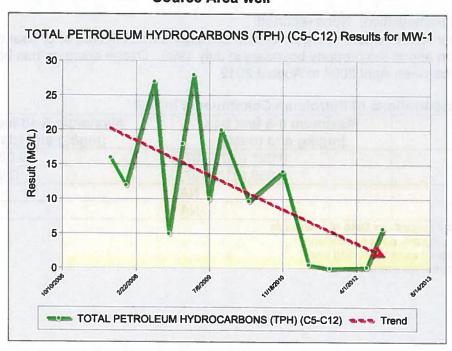
b: Collected on 29 September 2008

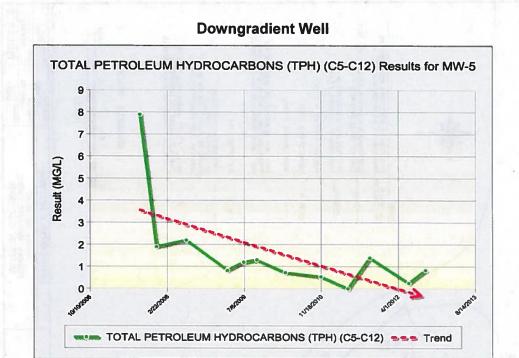
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Groundwater Trends

• There are more than 14 years of groundwater monitoring data for this Site. TPHg trends are shown below: Source Area (MW-1) and Downgradient (MW-5).

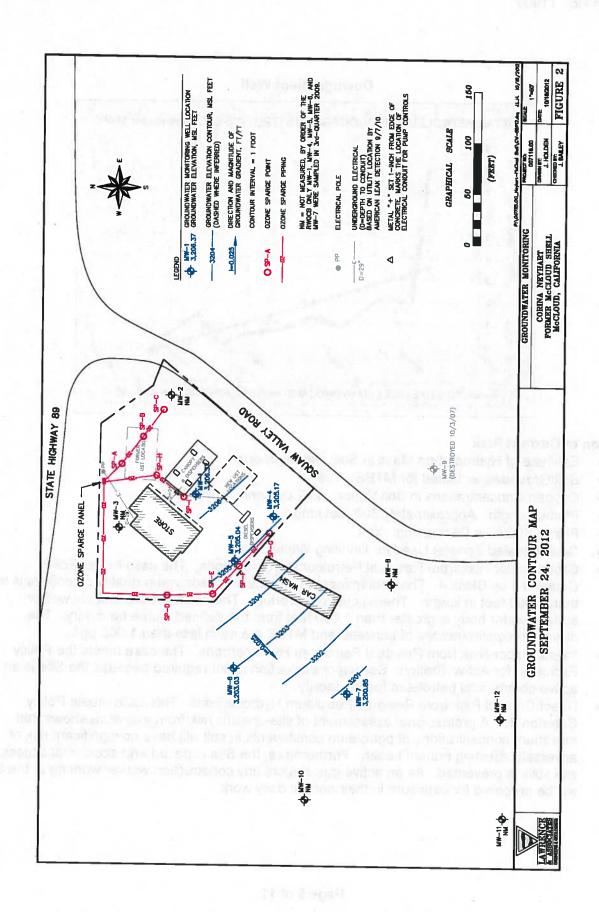
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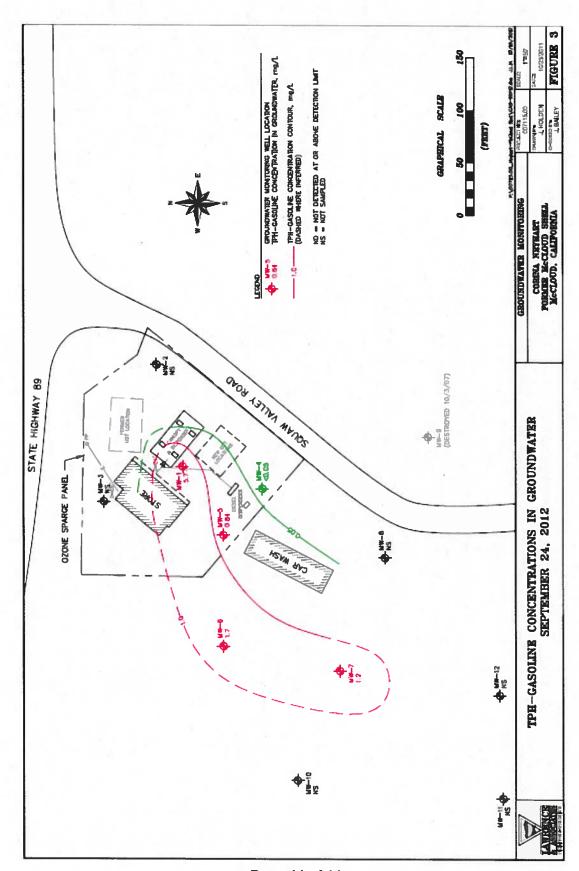




Evaluation of Current Risk

- Estimate of Hydrocarbon Mass in Soil: None reported.
- Soil/Groundwater tested for MTBE: Yes.
- Oxygen Concentrations in Soil Vapor: 4.42 percent (June 2012).
- Plume Length: Approximately 300 feet long.
- Plume Stable or Decreasing: Yes.
- Contaminated Zone(s) Used for Drinking Water: No.
- Groundwater Risk from Residual Petroleum Hydrocarbons: The case meets Policy Criterion 1 by Class 4. The contaminant plume that exceeds water quality objectives is less than 1,000 feet in length. There is no free product. The nearest water supply well or surface water body is greater than 1,000 feet from the defined plume boundary. The dissolved concentrations of benzene and MTBE are each less than 1,000 µg/L.
- Indoor Vapor Risk from Residual Petroleum Hydrocarbons: The case meets the Policy Exclusion for Active Station. Soil vapor evaluation is not required because the Site is an active commercial petroleum fueling facility.
- Direct Contact Risk from Residual Petroleum Hydrocarbons: This case meets Policy Criterion 3b. A professional assessment of site-specific risk from exposure shows that maximum concentrations of petroleum constituents in soil will have no significant risk of adversely affecting human health. Furthermore, the Site is paved and accidental access to site soils is prevented. As an active gas station, any construction worker working at the Site will be prepared for exposure in their normal daily work.





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