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### NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

**WATER QUALITY ORDER 2003-0003-DWQ  
STATEWIDE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND WITH  
A LOW THREAT TO WATER QUALITY  
SIERRAVILLE SERVICE AND COUNTRY STORE,  
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK EXCAVATION DEWATERING PROJECT  
SIERRA COUNTY**

On 14 October 2016, the owner of Sierraville Service and Country Store (Discharger) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to obtain coverage under Water Quality Order 2003-0003-DWQ, *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land with a Low Threat to Water Quality* (hereafter General Order) for dewatering an underground storage tank (UST) excavation at the above-referenced site. The submittal contains all the information required to evaluate applicability of the General Order; therefore, the NOI is considered complete. Based on the information provided in the NOI, the discharge meets the conditions of the General Order. The discharge is hereby covered under State Water Resources Control Board General Order 2003-0003-DWQ-0155. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge.

#### PROJECT LOCATION

The Discharger is planning to remove three USTs and replace them with a single UST at 126 South Lincoln Street in Sierraville, Sierra County (APN 015-072-002). Dewatering the excavation is necessary to facilitate the UST replacement. Water from the dewatering project will be discharged to land surface at an adjacent property (APN 015-072-004) which is owned by the Discharger and located immediately south of the Sierraville Service and Country Store. The discharge is scheduled to begin in November 2016 and take approximately eight months to complete.

The Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins, Fourth Edition, revised October 2011 (hereafter Basin Plan), designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, contains implementation plans and policies for protecting waters of the basin, and incorporates by reference plans and policies adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board. Pursuant to §13263(a) of the California Water Code (CWC), waste discharge requirements must implement the Basin Plan.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Discharger will extract groundwater from the UST excavation and store it in an open-top 20,000-gallon tank (Baker Tank) located on the Lincoln Street property. The stored groundwater will pass through bag filters and four 2,000-lb activated carbon canisters for hydrocarbon stripping prior to storage in another 20,000-gallon tank also located on the subject property. Treated water will be analyzed by a certified laboratory and verified to comply with provisions set forth in the subject General Waste Discharge Requirements prior to discharge to land surface on the adjacent property.

Approximately 100,000 gallons are expected to be discharged through a hose to a ditch excavated at an approximate 5,000 square foot discharge area at the adjacent property. Discharged water will be contained in the ditch and allowed to infiltrate, which will prevent runoff.

## FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

The General Order and this Notice of Applicability regulates the discharge of water to land from the UST excavation dewatering project located 146 South Lincoln Street in Sierraville, Sierra County.

1. Water generated during the dewatering process shall be disposed of as described in the Notice of Intent and in accordance with the requirements contained in the General Order.
2. Discharge at a location or in a manner different from that described in the Notice of Intent or this Notice of Applicability is prohibited.
3. All technical reports required herein that involve evaluation, or other work requiring interpretation and proper application of engineering or geologic sciences, shall be prepared by or under the direction of persons registered to practice in California pursuant to California Business and Professions Code, section 6735, 7835, and 7835.1. As required by these laws, completed technical reports must bear the signature(s) and seal(s) of the registered professional(s) in a manner such that all work can be clearly attributed to the professional responsible for the work.
4. Analytical results shall be submitted on a semi-annual basis in accordance with the General Order's Monitoring and Reporting Program. Monitoring reports are due August 15 and February 15.
5. The Discharger shall submit the required annual fee (as specified in the annual billing issued by the State Water Resources Control Board) until the Notice of Applicability is officially terminated.
6. Failure to abide by the conditions of the General Order, including its monitoring and reporting requirements, and this letter authorizing applicability could result in enforcement actions, as authorized by provisions of the California Water Code.

## DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS

All monitoring reports and other correspondence should be converted to searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically. Documents that are less than 50 MB should be emailed to [centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov).

To ensure that your submittal is routed to the appropriate staff person, the following information should be included in the body of the email or any documentation submitted to the mailing address for this office:

Facility Name: Sierraville Service and Country Store		
Program: Non-15 Compliance	Order: R5-2003-0003-DWQ-0155	CIWQS Place ID: 822977

Documents that are 50 MB or larger should be transferred to a CD, DVD, or flash drive and mailed to:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
ECM Mailroom  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Mike Smith is your point of contact for any questions about the Order, and all monitoring and technical reports should be submitted to him. If you find it necessary to make a change to your permitted operations, contact Mike Smith at (916) 464-4648 or at [msmith@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:msmith@waterboards.ca.gov).

 For  
PAMELA C. CREEDON  
Executive Officer

Enclosure: Water Quality Order No. 2003-0003-DWQ

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