

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN**

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

**ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK – SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM
CASE CLOSURE
PURSUANT TO
LOW-THREAT CLOSURE POLICY
FOR**

**BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY, NEEDLES RAIL YARD SITE, SOUTHEAST OF
INTERSECTION OF “H” STREET & RIVER STREET, NEEDLES, SAN BERNARDINO
COUNTY; GEOTRACKER GLOBAL ID No. SL0607134791**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin (Regional Water Board) will accept written comments on the proposed Aboveground Storage Tank (AST) case closure for BNSF Railway Company, Needles Rail Yard Site, Located in Needles, GeoTracker Global ID No. SL0607134791.

This AST site is being proposed for case closure pursuant to the State Water Resources Control Board’s (State Water Board) *Water Quality Control Policy for Low-Threat UST Case Closure* (Low-Threat Closure Policy or Policy), adopted via Resolution No. 2012-0016 on August 17, 2012. In adopting this Policy, the State Water Board determined that certain UST cases are appropriate for closure if they pose a low threat to human health, safety, and the environment. Low threat is established under the Policy by demonstrating the AST case meets the general and media-specific criteria established in the Policy, satisfies the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 25296.10, and is consistent with State Water Board Resolution 92-49’s requirement that cleanup goals and objectives be achieved within a reasonable time.

Regional Water Board Cleanup staff has completed review of the case identified above, determined that the case meets the general and media-specific closure criteria of the Policy as well as complies with Health and Safety Code section 25296.10 and State Water Board Resolution 92-49, and will make a recommendation to the Regional Water Board’s Executive Officer for case closure. This recommendation is based upon the facts and circumstances of this particular UST case. The AST case record that is the basis for determining compliance with the Policy is available on the State Water Board’s GeoTracker database at:

https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=SL0607134791



Pursuant to the Policy, the Regional Water Board is providing notice of the proposed AST case closure to: the responsible party, environmental consultant on record, municipal and county water districts, water replenishment districts, special act districts with groundwater management authority, local water purveyor, agencies authorized to issue building permits for land affected by the petroleum release, owners and occupants of the property impacted by the petroleum release, and owners and occupants of all parcels adjacent to the impacted property, as applicable. This Notice will also be posted on the Regional Water Board's website.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

A draft Case Closure Summary has been prepared for the above AST that forms the basis for cleanup staff's recommendation for case closure to the Regional Water Board's Executive Officer. The document is available for viewing or download on the GeoTracker database at the link identified above. Copies of the draft Case Closure Summary are also available upon request to Ms. Theresa Illare at theresa.illare@waterboards.ca.gov or (760) 776-8971.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Regional Water Board will accept written comments regarding the proposed case closure during a sixty (60) day public comment period, which begins **April 7, 2026**, and ends **June 8, 2026**. People wishing to submit written comments on the proposed case closure are requested to do so by **5:00 pm** on **June 8, 2026**, to be given sufficient consideration.

Interested people are encouraged to submit their comments electronically. Comments can be submitted to Ms. Theresa Illare via e-mail: theresa.illare@waterboards.ca.gov (**if less than 10 megabytes in total size**), or by fax at (760) 341-6820 with the subject "**Comment Letter – BNSF Railway Company, Needles Rail Yard Site.**" Written comments may also be mailed to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
Attn: Ms. Theresa Illare
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Contact us to request information in your language:

[Spanish: Comuníquese con nosotros para solicitar servicios lingüísticos o información en su idioma]; [Russian: Свяжитесь с нами, чтобы запросить информацию на вашем языке] [Korean: 귀하의 언어로 작성된 정보를 요청하려면 저희에게 문의하십시오]; [Punjabi: ਆਪਣਕ ਵੱਲੋਂ ਜਲਦੀ ਪਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸਡ ਨਲ ਸਬਕ ਕਰ।]; [Tagalog: Makipag-ugnayan sa amin para humiling ng impormasyon sa iyong wika]