
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For

Former Green Chain Area
1216 Fruit Growers Road
Hornbrook, California 96044

Case Number 1NSI236

Siskiyou County

Notice Posting Date: October 8, 2024

End of Comment Period: November 7, 2024

The former green chain area (site) is a 0.54-acre area within the 425-acre former mill property located at 1216 Fruit Growers Road in Hornbrook, California (Figure 1). The site's soil is impacted with pentachlorophenol (PCP) above environmental screening levels established by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (SFBRWQCB) and minor dioxins below remedial cleanup goals established by the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC). Although PCP contamination remains in soil above environmental screening levels, this site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's Resolution 92-49 since a continuous pavement cap was completed as an engineering control over the impacted site area that will be maintained, and the area restricted under a land use covenant with a soil management plan. Regional Water Board staff proposes that no further work be required. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties, including owners of nearby land, that the case is being considered for closure, and to invite public comment on this proposed decision.

Problem Description

A site investigation performed in 2021 revealed the presence of PCP in soil above SFBRWQCB screening levels and dioxin concentrations in soil below DTSC remedial cleanup goals. Supplemental investigation and remedial excavation were performed in 2022; however, PCP concentrations remain up to 45.4 milligrams per kilogram in soil. In September 2024, a 0.54-acre continuous pavement cap was completed as an engineering control that will be maintained and the area restricted under a land use covenant with a soil management plan. Groundwater was not encountered in subsurface investigations for the site that were advanced to a depth of 15 feet below ground surface. A domestic well log review performed by the consultant, SLR

International Corporation, identified that groundwater is likely 100 feet below ground surface in the site vicinity and therefore groundwater is not likely to be impacted.

Proposed Action

Case closure is proposed. This site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's "[Resolution 92-49](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/site_cleanup_program/resolution_92_49.html)" (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/site_cleanup_program/resolution_92_49.html).

Unless significant comments are received or new information is presented regarding this site, Regional Water Board staff plans to proceed with the closure process upon conclusion of the comment period. Please contact Kelsey McLaughlin at (707) 576-2466 or Kelsey.McLaughlin@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions or comments. Written comments may also be submitted to:

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All records for this case are available electronically on the [State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T10000018555) at https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T10000018555.