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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

### Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For

PG&E Geysers Former Unit 9/10  
Geysers Power Plant  
Sonoma County, CA

Case Number 1NSO706

**Notice Posting Date: November 7, 2024**

**End of Comment Period: December 9, 2024**

A soil and groundwater investigation was conducted at the above-referenced site and a release of contaminants was documented. Although some contamination remains, remediation has been performed, the contamination is limited in extent, and exposure will be controlled through a land use covenant. North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (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 discharge of turbine oil was discovered in 1989, leading to installation of monitoring wells, free product removal, and an excavation. Also, investigations were performed to look for impacts from site activities, which include power generation using steam from geothermal wells used to drive turbines to produce electricity. The investigations tested for petroleum, metals, polychlorinated biphenyls, and volatile organic compounds and some groundwater impacts were found. Limited groundwater impacts remain, but do not pose a significant threat to human health or the environment.

#### **Proposed Action**

Case closure is proposed, with a land use covenant to preclude groundwater use for human consumption and also including a soil management plan. 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 Craig Hunt at (707) 576-2469 or

[craig.hunt@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:craig.hunt@waterboards.ca.gov) with any questions or comments. Written comments may also be submitted to:

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Attention: Craig Hunt  
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Regional Water Board site records comprise both a paper file and an electronic file. Beginning in 2005, select file material was uploaded to the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker website and not necessarily included in the paper file. All new file material after 2014 is retained only electronically. [The GeoTracker records](#) for this site are available at ([http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id= T0609793453](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0609793453)).

The paper file ("PG&E Geysers Unit 9/10", Case No. 1NSO706) may be reviewed at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board office from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Monday through Friday. To make an appointment to review the paper file, please call (707) 576-2220.