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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

### Notice of Proposed No Further Action

For

Unocal Bulk Plant (Former)  
359 Main Street  
Fortuna, California

Case Number 1NHU248

Humboldt County

**Notice Posting Date: October 3, 2024**

**End of Comment Period: December 2, 2024**

A soil and groundwater investigation was conducted at the above-referenced site and a release of petroleum hydrocarbons was documented. Although some contamination remains, this site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's "Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy." 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**

This site was a bulk fuel plant, with five aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) and one underground storage tank (UST). Appreciable soil and groundwater contamination was found through investigation. Three rounds of excavation significantly remediated the site, addressing free product and soil impacts. The groundwater plume has attenuated considerably. No water supply wells were impacted by this contamination.

Although this is an AST site, the contamination is like a UST site, and the California Underground Storage Tank Low Threat Closure Policy (LTCP) can be used to evaluate the case.

#### **Proposed Action**

Case closure is proposed. This site meets the conditions for closure under the State Water Resources Control Board's "[Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case](#)

[Closure Policy](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/lt_cls_plcy.html)" (available on the internet at [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ust/lt\\_cls\\_plcy.html](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ust/lt_cls_plcy.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 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:

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Attention: Craig Hunt  
5550 Skylane Blvd, Suite A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0602393213) are available at [http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=T0602393213](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0602393213).

The paper file ("Unocal Bulk Plant", Case No. 1NHU248) may be reviewed at the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are recommended and can be arranged by calling (707) 576-2220.