

State Water Resources Control Board

UST CASE CLOSURE REVIEW SUMMARY REPORT

Agency Information

Agency Name: Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board)	Address: 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101 San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
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Case Information

USTCF Claim No.: 14060	Global ID: T0608700162
Site Name: Former Olympic Station	Site Address: 13250 Big Basin Way Boulder Creek, Ca 95006
Responsible Party: Olympian Attn: Fred Bertetta	Address: 2000 Alameda de las Plugas, Ste. 242, San Mateo, CA 94403
USTCF Expenditures to Date: \$597,546	Number of Years Case Open: 14

URL: http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0608700162

Summary

The Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank (UST) Case Closure Policy (Policy) contains general and media-specific criteria, and cases that meet those criteria are appropriate for closure pursuant to the Policy. This case meets all of the required criteria of the Policy. A summary evaluation of compliance with the Policy is shown in **Attachment 1: Compliance with State Water Board Policies and State Law**. The Conceptual Site Model upon which the evaluation of the case has been made is described in **Attachment 2: Summary of Basic Case Information (Conceptual Site Model)**. Highlights of the case follow:

An unauthorized release was reported in January 1999 following the removal of six USTs (five gasoline and one kerosene). Two smaller gasoline USTs had been removed in 1991. Approximately 1,200 tons of contaminated soil were excavated in 1999. Since 1994, fourteen active monitoring wells and two extraction wells have been installed and monitored regularly. According to groundwater data, water quality objectives have been achieved or nearly achieved for all constituents except benzene in source area monitoring well MW-11.

The petroleum release is limited to soil and shallow groundwater. According to data available in GeoTracker, there are no supply wells regulated by the California Department of Public Health or surface water bodies within 250 feet of the defined plume boundary. No other water supply wells have been identified within 250 feet of the defined plume boundary in files reviewed. Water is provided to water users near the Site by the San Lorenzo Valley Water District. The affected groundwater is not currently being used as a source of drinking water, and it is highly unlikely that the affected groundwater will be used as a source of drinking water in the foreseeable future. Other designated beneficial uses of impacted groundwater are not threatened, and it is highly unlikely that they will be considering these factors in the context of the site setting. Remaining petroleum hydrocarbon constituents are limited and stable, and concentrations are decreasing. Corrective actions have been

implemented and additional corrective actions are not necessary. Any remaining petroleum hydrocarbon constituents do not pose a significant risk to human health, safety or the environment.

Rationale for Closure under the Policy

- General Criteria: The case meets all eight Policy general criteria.
- Groundwater Specific Criteria: The case meets Policy Criterion 1 by Class 1. The contaminant plume that exceeds water quality objectives is less than 100 feet in length. There is no free product. The nearest water supply well or surface water body is greater than 250 feet from the defined plume boundary.
- Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air: This case meets Policy Criterion 2b. Although no document titled "Risk Assessment" was found in the files reviewed, a professional assessment of site-specific risk from potential exposure to petroleum constituents as a result of vapor intrusion found there to be no significant risk of petroleum vapors adversely affecting human health. The maximum benzene concentration in groundwater is less than 100 µg/L, except in the vicinity of monitoring well MW-11 which is located where no building could be constructed according to building codes. Residual soil contamination only remains in the vicinity of MW-11 beneath a roadway, where no building can be constructed.
- Direct Contact and Outdoor Air Exposure: This case meets Policy Criterion 3b. Although no document titled "Risk Assessment" was found in the files reviewed, a professional assessment of site-specific risk from potential exposure to residual soil contamination found that maximum concentrations of petroleum constituents remaining in soil will have no significant risk of adversely affecting human health. The Site is paved and accidental access to site soils is prevented. Portions of the Site that contain the highest concentrations of residual hydrocarbons lie beneath City property and any maintenance of utilities will require permits, regulatory oversight and construction worker working at the Site will be prepared for exposure as part of their normal daily work.

Objections to Closure and Responses

By April 8, 2013 personal communications (email), the Regional Water Board opposes closure because soil and soil vapor issues have not been adequately addressed.

RESPONSE: The case meets all Policy criteria.

The County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency submitted a December 19, 2012 letter with the following summarized comments:

- Historic soil analytical results at this Site exceed the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board environmental screening levels (ESLs).
RESPONSE: The referenced soil samples meet the Policy criteria. ESLs have no regulatory effect in this closure review.
- Residual hydrocarbons in soil that remain beneath Pine Street/Lorenzo Street may migrate into future buildings or threaten the health and safety of utility workers.
RESPONSE: Residual hydrocarbons remain beneath Pine Street and Lorenzo Street. However, no buildings could be constructed near remaining soil contamination because there are required building setbacks. Utility work permits are required prior to excavation and utility workers would be made aware of site conditions.

- The lateral and vertical distribution of naphthalene and VOCs, other than BTEX and MTBE, has not been adequately characterized in soil at the Site and vicinity.
RESPONSE: There are no soil sample results in the case record for naphthalene. However, the relative concentration of naphthalene in soil can be conservatively estimated using the published relative concentrations of naphthalene and benzene in gasoline. Taken from Potter and Simmons (1998), gasoline mixtures contain approximately 2 percent benzene and 0.25 percent naphthalene. Therefore, benzene can be directly substituted for naphthalene concentrations with a safety factor of eight. Benzene concentrations from the Site are below the naphthalene thresholds in Policy Table 1. Therefore, the estimated naphthalene concentrations meet the thresholds in Table 1 and the Policy criteria for direct contact by a factor of eight. It is highly unlikely that naphthalene concentrations in the soil, if any, exceed the threshold.

Determination

Based on the review performed in accordance with Health & Safety Code Section 25299.39.2 subdivision (a), the Fund Manager has determined that closure of the case is appropriate.

Recommendation for Closure

Based on available information, residual petroleum hydrocarbons at the Site do not pose a significant risk to human health, safety, or the environment, and the case meets the requirements of the Policy. Accordingly, the Fund Manager recommends that the case be closed. The State Water Board is conducting public notification as required by the Policy. Santa Cruz County has the regulatory responsibility to supervise the abandonment of monitoring wells.



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Date

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ATTACHMENT 1: COMPLIANCE WITH STATE WATER BOARD POLICIES AND STATE LAW

The case complies with the State Water Resources Control Board policies and state law. Section 25296.10 of the Health and Safety Code requires that sites be cleaned up to protect human health, safety, and the environment. Based on available information, any residual petroleum constituents at the site do not pose significant risk to human health, safety, or the environment.

The case complies with the requirements of the Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank (UST) Case Closure Policy as described below.¹

<p>Is corrective action consistent with Chapter 6.7 of the Health and Safety Code and implementing regulations? The corrective action provisions contained in Chapter 6.7 of the Health and Safety Code and the implementing regulations govern the entire corrective action process at leaking UST sites. If it is determined, at any stage in the corrective action process, that UST site closure is appropriate, further compliance with corrective action requirements is not necessary. Corrective action at this site has been consistent with Chapter 6.7 of the Health and Safety Code and implementing regulations and, since this case meets applicable case-closure requirements, further corrective action is not necessary, unless the activity is necessary for case closure.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Have waste discharge requirements or any other orders issued pursuant to Division 7 of the Water Code been issued at this case?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>If so, was the corrective action performed consistent with any order?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA</p>
<p><u>General Criteria</u> General criteria that must be satisfied by all candidate sites:</p> <p>Is the unauthorized release located within the service area of a public water system?</p> <p>Does the unauthorized release consist only of petroleum?</p> <p>Has the unauthorized (“primary”) release from the UST system been stopped?</p> <p>Has free product been removed to the maximum extent practicable?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA</p>

¹ Refer to the Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy for closure criteria for low-threat petroleum UST sites.
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/2012/rs2012_0016atta.pdf

<p>Has a conceptual site model that assesses the nature, extent, and mobility of the release been developed?</p> <p>Has secondary source been removed to the extent practicable?</p> <p>Has soil or groundwater been tested for MTBE and results reported in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 25296.15?</p> <p>Nuisance as defined by Water Code section 13050 does not exist at the site?</p> <p>Are there unique site attributes or site-specific conditions that demonstrably increase the risk associated with residual petroleum constituents?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p><u>Media-Specific Criteria</u> Candidate sites must satisfy all three of these media-specific criteria:</p> <p>1. Groundwater: To satisfy the media-specific criteria for groundwater, the contaminant plume that exceeds water quality objectives must be stable or decreasing in areal extent, and meet all of the additional characteristics of one of the five classes of sites:</p> <p>Is the contaminant plume that exceeds water quality objectives stable or decreasing in areal extent?</p> <p>Does the contaminant plume that exceeds water quality objectives meet all of the additional characteristics of one of the five classes of sites?</p> <p>If YES, check applicable class: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5</p> <p>For sites with releases that have not affected groundwater, do mobile constituents (leachate, vapors, or light non-aqueous phase liquids) contain sufficient mobile constituents to cause groundwater to exceed the groundwater criteria?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA</p>
<p>2. Petroleum Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air: The site is considered low-threat for vapor intrusion to indoor air if site-specific conditions satisfy all of the characteristics of one of the three classes of sites (a through c) or if the exception for active commercial fueling facilities applies.</p> <p>Is the site an active commercial petroleum fueling facility? Exception: Satisfaction of the media-specific criteria for petroleum vapor intrusion to indoor air is not required at active commercial petroleum fueling facilities, except in cases where release characteristics can be reasonably believed to pose an unacceptable health risk.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>

<p>a. Do site-specific conditions at the release site satisfy all of the applicable characteristics and criteria of scenarios 1 through 3 or all of the applicable characteristics and criteria of scenario 4? If YES, check applicable scenarios: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4</p> <p>b. Has a site-specific risk assessment for the vapor intrusion pathway been conducted and demonstrates that human health is protected to the satisfaction of the regulatory agency?</p> <p>c. As a result of controlling exposure through the use of mitigation measures or through the use of institutional or engineering controls, has the regulatory agency determined that petroleum vapors migrating from soil or groundwater will have no significant risk of adversely affecting human health?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA</p>
<p>3. Direct Contact and Outdoor Air Exposure: The site is considered low-threat for direct contact and outdoor air exposure if site-specific conditions satisfy one of the three classes of sites (a through c).</p> <p>a. Are maximum concentrations of petroleum constituents in soil less than or equal to those listed in Table 1 for the specified depth below ground surface (bgs)?</p> <p>b. Are maximum concentrations of petroleum constituents in soil less than levels that a site specific risk assessment demonstrates will have no significant risk of adversely affecting human health?</p> <p>c. As a result of controlling exposure through the use of mitigation measures or through the use of institutional or engineering controls, has the regulatory agency determined that the concentrations of petroleum constituents in soil will have no significant risk of adversely affecting human health?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NA</p>

ATTACHMENT 2: SUMMARY OF BASIC CASE INFORMATION (Conceptual Site Model)

Site Location/History

- This Site is located on the northwest corner of Big Basin Highway and Pine Street in Boulder Creek and is an empty lot.
- The Site is bounded by a parking lot across Oak Street to the west, a post office across Lorenzo Street to the north, a business across Pine Street to the east, and residences across Big Basin Highway to the south.
- Fourteen monitoring wells have been installed since 1994 and monitored regularly.
- A Site map showing the location of the former USTs, monitoring wells, and groundwater level contours is provided at the end of this closure review summary (CRA, 2008).
- Nature of Contaminants of Concern: Petroleum hydrocarbons only.
- Source: UST system.
- Date reported: January 1999.
- Status of Release: USTs removed.
- Free Product: None reported.

Tank Information

Tank No.	Size in Gallons	Contents	Closed in Place/ Removed/Active	Date
1	350	Gasoline	Removed	December 1991
2	5,000	Gasoline	Removed	December 1991
3	12,000	Kerosene	Removed	December 1999
4	6,000	Gasoline	Removed	December 1999
5	12,000	Gasoline	Removed	December 1999
6	6,000	Gasoline	Removed	December 1999
7	10,000	Gasoline	Removed	December 1999
8	6,000	Gasoline	Removed	December 1999

Receptors

- GW Basin: Unnamed basin.
- Watershed: Big Basin, Santa Cruz, San Lorenzo Valley.
- Beneficial Uses: Municipal and Domestic Water Supply
- Land Use Designation: Commercial.
- Public Water System: San Lorenzo Valley Water District.
- Distance to Nearest Supply Well: According to data available in GeoTracker, there are no public supply wells regulated by California Department of Public Health within 250 feet of the Site. No other water supply wells were identified within 250 feet of the defined plume in the files reviewed.
- Distance to Nearest Surface Water: There is no identified surface water within 250 feet downgradient of the defined plume.

Geology/Hydrogeology

- Stratigraphy: The Site is underlain by clayey silts, granitic sands, and crystalline rock.
- Maximum Sample Depth: 40 feet below ground surface (bgs).

- Minimum Groundwater Depth: 0.25 feet bgs at monitoring well MW-12.
- Maximum Groundwater Depth: 11.69 feet bgs at monitoring well MW-9.
- Current Average Depth to Groundwater: Approximately 6 feet bgs.
- Saturated Zones(s) Studied: Approximately 3 - 20 feet bgs.
- Appropriate Screen Interval: Yes.
- Groundwater Flow Direction: Northeast with an average gradient of 0.046 feet/foot.

Monitoring Well Information

Well Designation	Date Installed	Screen Interval (feet bgs)	Depth to Water (feet bgs) (09/14/12)
EX-1	May 2000	5 - 15	9.51
EX-2	May 2000	5 - 15	9.92
MW-1	July 1994	7 - 10	4.58
MW-2	July 1994	7 - 10	4.89
MW-5	November 1995	7 - 10	5.33
MW-6	November 1995	7 - 10	5.39
MW-7	October 2001	3 - 15	6.95
MW-8	October 2001	3 - 13	5.97
MW-9	October 2001	3 - 20	10.58
MW-10	October 2001	3 - 20	10.43
MW-11	August 2008	3 - 13	4.77
MW-12	August 2008	3 - 13	4.70
MW-13	August 2008	3 - 13	4.52
MW-14	August 2008	3 - 13	4.17

Remediation Summary

- Free Product: None reported in GeoTracker.
- Soil Excavation: Approximately 1,200 tons of petroleum hydrocarbon contaminated soil have been excavated and disposed offsite.
- In-Situ Soil Remediation: None reported.
- Groundwater Remediation: Approximately 40,000 gallons of contaminated groundwater have been extracted.

Most Recent Concentrations of Petroleum Constituents in Soil

Constituent	Maximum 0-5 feet bgs [mg/kg (date)]	Maximum 5-10 feet bgs [mg/kg (date)]
Benzene	21 (04/12/2000)*	3.9 (04/22/2000)
Ethylbenzene	28 (10/30/2007)	32 (10/30/2007)
Naphthalene	NA	NA
PAHs	NA	NA

NA: Not Analyzed, Not Applicable or Data Not Available

mg/kg: Milligrams per kilogram, parts per million

<: Not detected at or above stated reporting limit

PAHs: Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

*One sample exceeded Commercial Policy Threshold, 29 samples were below Commercial Policy Threshold

Most Recent Concentrations of Petroleum Constituents in Groundwater

Sample	Sample Date	TPHg (µg/L)	Benzene (µg/L)	Toluene (µg/L)	Ethyl-Benzene (µg/L)	Xylenes (µg/L)	MTBE (µg/L)	TBA (µg/L)
EX-1	03/09/12	870	5.8	2.6	13	4.3	<0.5	<2
EX-2	03/09/12	<50	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.96	<2
MW-1	09/14/12	270	<0.5	1	<0.5	1.5	<0.5	<2.0
MW-2	09/08/08	<50	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	NA
MW-5	09/08/08	<50	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	NA
MW-6	09/08/08	<50	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	NA
MW-7	09/08/08	500	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	3.0	NA
MW-8	09/14/12	<50	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	3.6	NA
MW-9	06/16/06	<50	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.64	NA
MW-10	06/16/06	<50	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	0.64	NA
MW-11	09/14/12	3,100	220	7.7	130	190	<0.5	<2.0
MW-12	09/14/12	5,300	8.6	9.8	270	61	3.9	2.7
MW-13	09/14/12	1,100	55	4.1	40	7.1	4.9	2.7
MW-14	09/14/12	<50	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	1.4	<2.0
WQOs	-	--	1	150	680	1,750	5	1,200^a

NA: Not Analyzed, Not Applicable or Data Not Available

µg/L: Micrograms per liter, parts per billion

<: Not detected at or above stated reporting limit

TPHg: Total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline

MTBE: Methyl tert-butyl ether

TBA: Tert-butyl alcohol

WQOs: Water Quality Objectives, Regional Water Board Basin Plan

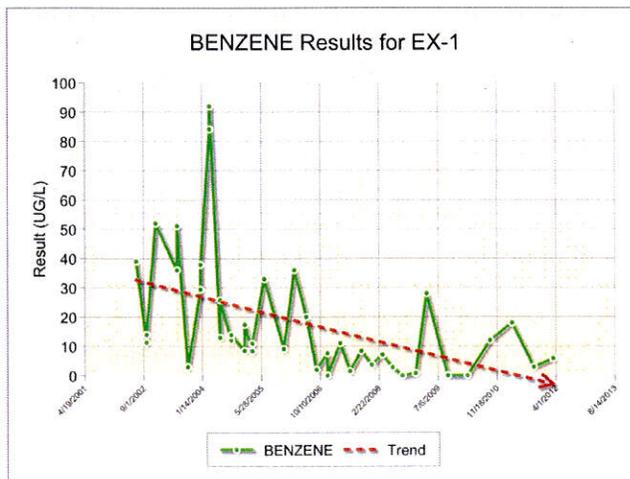
--: Regional Water Board Basin Plan does not have numeric water quality objectives for TPHg

^a: California Department of Public Health, Response Level

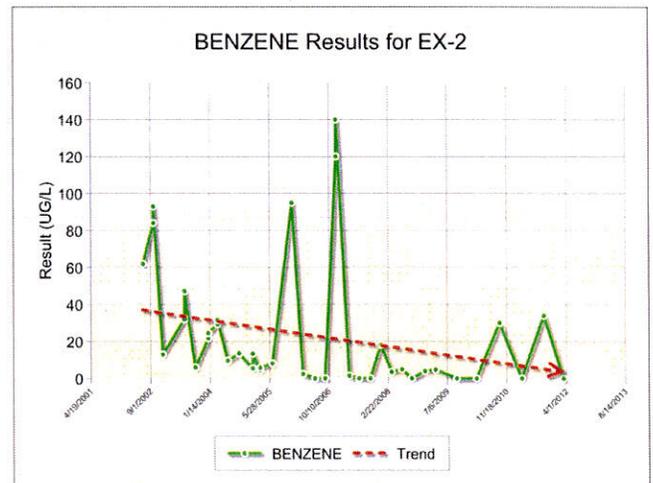
Groundwater Trends

- There are 18 years of regular groundwater monitoring data for this case. Only benzene is exceeds water quality objectives and benzene was only detected in four source area monitoring wells (EX-1, MW-11, MW-12, and MW-13). Benzene trends are shown below: Source Area (EX-1 and EX-2) and Downgradient (MW-14 and MW-8).

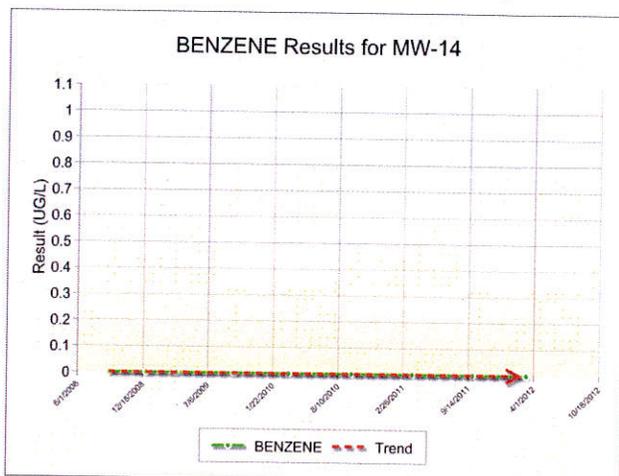
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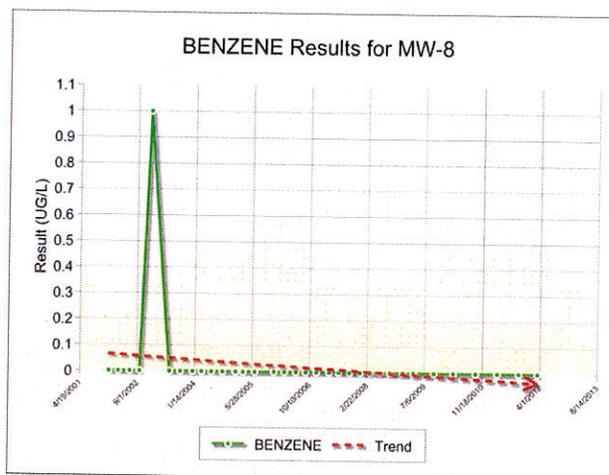
Source Area Well



Downgradient Well (50 feet)



Downgradient Well (160 feet)



Evaluation of Current Risk

- Estimate of Hydrocarbon Mass in Soil: Not reported.
- Soil/Groundwater tested for MTBE: Yes, see table below.
- Oxygen: 0.53 to 0.73 percent.
- Plume Length: <100 feet.
- Plume Stable or Decreasing: Yes.
- Contaminated Zone(s) Used for Drinking Water: No.
- Groundwater Risk from Residual Petroleum Hydrocarbons: The case meets Policy Criterion 1 by Class 1. The contaminant plume that exceeds water quality objectives is less than 100 feet in length. There is no free product. The nearest water supply well or surface water body is greater than 250 feet from the defined plume boundary.
- Indoor Vapor Risk from Residual Petroleum Hydrocarbons: This case meets Policy Criterion 2b. Although no document titled "Risk Assessment" was found in the files reviewed, a professional assessment of site-specific risk from potential exposure to petroleum constituents as a result of vapor intrusion found there to be no significant risk of petroleum vapors adversely affecting human health. The maximum benzene concentration in groundwater is less than 100 µg/L, except in the vicinity of monitoring well MW-11 which is located in an area where no building could be constructed according to building codes. Residual soil contamination only remains in the vicinity of MW-11 beneath a roadway, where no building can be constructed.
- Direct Contact Risk from Residual Petroleum Hydrocarbons: This case meets Policy Criterion 3b. Although no document titled "Risk Assessment" was found in the files reviewed, a professional assessment of site-specific risk from potential exposure to residual soil contamination found that maximum concentrations of petroleum constituents remaining in soil will have no significant risk of adversely affecting human health. The Site is paved and accidental access to site soils is prevented. Portions of the Site that contain the highest concentrations of residual hydrocarbons lie beneath City property and any maintenance of utilities will require permits, regulatory oversight and construction worker working at the Site will be prepared for exposure as part of their normal daily work.

