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## State Water Resources Control Board

August 27, 2015

ExxonMobil Environmental Services  
Attention: Ms. Jennifer Sedlachek  
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Dear Ms. Sedlachek:

CLOSURE DENIAL REVIEW FOR PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE,  
FORMER EXXON 7-0200, 1894 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, BERKELEY, ALAMEDA COUNTY

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution No. 2012-0062 requires that State Water Board staff review a lead agency's decision when the lead agency has denied a request by a responsible party for an underground storage tank (UST) case closure pursuant to the Low-Threat UST Case Closure Policy (Policy).

The subject case has the following identification numbers:

- State Water Board, GeoTracker No. T0600101888
- San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Francisco Bay Water Board), Case No. 01-2043
- City of Berkeley Toxics Management Division, Case No. TT01-2043

State Water Board staff reviewed the closure request dated February 9, 2015 and the response from the San Francisco Bay Water Board. After careful consideration of the GeoTracker record, State Water Board staff agrees with the San Francisco Bay Water Board staff determination that all of the Policy criteria have not been met. Based on information in the above-referenced GeoTracker record, this agency finds that the subject site does not meet the following Policy criteria:

- **General Criterion e.** – A conceptual site model that assesses the nature, extent, and mobility of the release has been developed.

The elevated levels of tetrachloroethene (PCE) at the site indicate a potential release from the former onsite drycleaner operations. However, the available case record does not contain sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the former waste oil UST did not contribute to the PCE impacts at the site. At this time, the PCE impacts at the site cannot be separated from the UST case.

Criteria for low-threat UST case closure have not been met at this time, therefore closure of the UST case is not appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. George Lockwood at (916) 341-5752 or [George.Lockwood@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:George.Lockwood@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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