

State Water Resources Control Board

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Dear Mr. Monson:

CLOSURE DENIAL REVIEW FOR PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK
CASE, ARCO #5550, 2488 RESERVOIR STREET SOUTH, POMONA , LOS ANGELES
COUNTY

State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Resolution No. 2012-062 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.

The subject site has the following identification numbers:

- GeoTracker No. T0603725445
- Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Case No. 13910-14375
- Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) Case No. R-14375

The State Water Board reviewed the closure request dated July 15, 2013 and the response from the Regional Water Board in the GeoTracker record. The Regional Water Board disagrees with the proposed UST case closure because the site conceptual model is not adequate to rule out the Site as a potential source of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) detected in the City of Pomona's Well 29 during 2007. Also, the secondary source has not yet been sufficiently characterized to know its extent/residual mass, nor whether it has been removed to the extent practicable.

After careful consideration of the GeoTracker record, I have determined that this site does not meet the following Media-Specific Criteria: General Criteria (e) – A conceptual site model that assesses the nature, extent, and mobility of the release has been developed.

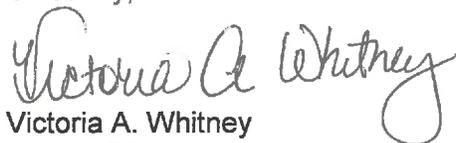
Depth to groundwater is approximately 145 feet below grade surface. During February 2014, MTBE was detected in on-Site groundwater wells MW-1 and MW-2, at a maximum concentration of 0.72 J (estimated based on laboratory "J" flag) micrograms per liter (µg/L).

During April 2013, the first occurrence of total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline was detected in wells MW-1 and MW-2 at concentrations of 25 "J" and 31 "J" µg/L, respectively. The lateral extent of the contaminant plume has not been defined.

The Regional Board has granted an extension, until September 30, 2014, for the submittal of a work plan for additional investigation pending the ability of the City of Pomona to return Well 29 to service. Should reinstatement of the well allow the Regional Board's MTBE investigation to come to an end, they will then rescind the requirement for a work plan for additional investigation.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Benjamin Heningburg at (916) 341-5749 or benjamin.heningburg@waterboards.ca.gov

Sincerely,



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