
State Water Resources Control Board

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Atlantic Richfield Company
Attention: Mr. Paul Supple
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Dear Mr. Supple:

CLOSURE DENIAL REVIEW FOR PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE,
ARCO #0725, 402 NORTH EL CAMINO REAL, SAN MATEO, SAN MATEO 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. T0608100037
- San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Francisco Bay Water Board), Case No. 41-0038
- County of San Mateo Health System (San Mateo County), Case No. 110011

State Water Board staff reviewed the closure request dated June 4, 2014 and the response from the San Mateo County dated August 4, 2014. After careful consideration of the GeoTracker record, State Water Board staff agrees with the San Mateo County staff determination that all of the Policy criteria have not been met. Based on information in the above-referenced GeoTracker record, State Water Board staff finds that the subject case 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.
- **Groundwater Media-Specific Criteria**

The areal extent of groundwater contamination is questionable. Several of the current monitoring wells have submerged screens. Sample procedures indicate low flow is used so as to minimize draw down during purging. Reported concentrations may not be accurate.

The San Mateo Creeks and Watersheds map indicate that there is a greater than 24-inch underground storm drain running along Poplar Avenue. Free product has been detected in monitoring well MW-9, off-site to the northeast, as recently as 2014. But free product has not been detected in the more eastern wells when historical groundwater flow has been primarily to the east.

Contaminants remaining at the subject site continue to pose a potential threat to human health, safety, and the environment. 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.

Sincerely,



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