
State Water Resources Control Board

July 11, 2016

Shikuma Brothers Farms, Inc.
Attention: Mr. Lawrence K. Shikuma
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[Via email only] (shikuma@msn.com)

Dear Mr. Shikuma:

CLOSURE DENIAL REVIEW FOR PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE,
SHIKUMA BROS FARMS INC., 475 LAKEVIEW ROAD, WATSONVILLE,
SANTA CRUZ 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. T0608700128
- Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board), Case No. 2705

State Water Board staff reviewed the closure request dated March 30, 2016, and the response from the Central Coast Water Board dated May 6, 2016. After careful consideration of the GeoTracker record, State Water Board staff agrees with the Central Coast Water Board 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 criterion:

- **Groundwater Media-Specific Criteria**

Site conditions do not meet the Groundwater Media-Specific Criteria specified in the Policy. An on-site well for both domestic and agricultural supply is located approximately 125 feet upgradient from the plume boundary. A surface water body is located approximately 220 feet downgradient from the plume boundary. Groundwater monitoring data indicates that the plume may not be stable or decreasing in areal extent, therefore additional groundwater monitoring is necessary.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Larsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and last name "Larsen" clearly legible.

Karen Larsen, Deputy Director
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