
State Water Resources Control Board

July 6, 2016

Indian Wells Valley Airport District
Attention: Mr. Scott Seymour
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[Via email only] (scott@inyokernairport.com)

Dear Mr. Seymour:

CLOSURE DENIAL REVIEW FOR PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE, INYOKERN AIRPORT, 1669 AIRPORT ROAD, INYOKERN, KERN 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. T10000007004
- Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Lahontan Water Board), Case No. 6B1520001T

State Water Board staff reviewed the closure request dated January 21, 2016, and the response from the Lahontan Water Board dated May 17, 2016. After careful consideration of the GeoTracker record, State Water Board staff agrees with the Lahontan 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:

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

Petroleum impacted soil was over-excavated to a total depth of 30 feet below ground surface (bgs) in May 2015. Soil samples obtained from the base of the excavation indicated concentrations of 5,300 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline, 2,800 mg/kg total petroleum hydrocarbons as diesel. The vertical extent of petroleum impact to soil has not been fully defined.

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 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 and last name clearly legible.

Karen Larsen, Deputy Director
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