
State Water Resources Control Board

June 17, 2015

Silvas Oil Company
Attn: Mr. John Browning
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Dear Mr. Browning:

CLOSURE DENIAL REVIEW FOR PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE, SILVAS OIL COMPANY, INC, 1230 EAST 5TH STREET, OXNARD, VENTURA 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. T10000004341
- Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board), Case No. C-12002

State Water Board staff reviewed the closure request dated April 27, 2013 and the response from the Los Angeles Water Board. After careful consideration of the GeoTracker record, State Water Board staff agrees with the Los Angeles Water Board staff determination that all of the Policy criteria have not been met. Based on information in the above-referenced case file, 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.
- Groundwater Media-Specific Criteria

There is a significant amount of petroleum constituents in soil beneath the former load rack area, former dispensers, product piping lines, and beneath the above ground pumping station west of the former slop tanks. Confirmation soil samples reported high concentrations of total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline and diesel. Sampling of grab groundwater sample from the "Ex. Pit Water Sample" during September 2012 showed benzene at 1,220 micrograms per liter. No groundwater monitoring wells have been installed on site. There is insufficient groundwater data to determine the extent of the petroleum plume.

Petroleum constituents in groundwater continue to pose a 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,


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