

## State Water Resources Control Board

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Dear Mr. Chan:

**CLOSURE DENIAL REVIEW FOR PETROLEUM UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK CASE, CALTRANS TORRANCE MAINTENANCE STATION, 18101 BAILEY DRIVE, TORRANCE, LOS ANGELES 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.

The subject site has the following identification numbers:

- State Water Board, GeoTracker No. T0603701500
- Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) Case No. 905040261

The State Water Board staff reviewed the closure request dated January 30, 2014 and responses from the Los Angeles Water Board staff. After careful consideration of the GeoTracker record, State Water Board staff agrees with the Los Angeles Water Board staff determination that all of the General and Media-Specific Criteria have not been met. Based on information in the above-referenced case file, this agency finds that this site does not meet the following General and Media-Specific Criteria:

- General Criterion d - Free product has been removed to the maximum extent practicable;
- General Criteria e - A conceptual site model that assesses the nature, extent, and mobility of the release has been developed; and
- Groundwater Media-Specific Criteria, Class (3) b - Free product has been removed to the maximum extent practicable, may still be present below the site where the release originated, but does not extend off-site.

There is a significant amount of free product remaining in shallow soil and groundwater near monitoring well MW-3. Since March 2008, free product has been hand-bailed from well MW-3 on a

semi-monthly to monthly basis. During December 2013, approximately three feet of free product was reported in MW-3. There is insufficient data to determine the nature, extent, and mobility of petroleum constituents in shallow soil and groundwater in the vicinity of the former UST system.

Petroleum constituents in soil and 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, and therefore, closure of the UST case is not appropriate.

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Heningburg at (916) 341-5749 or [Benjamin.Heningburg@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Benjamin.Heningburg@waterboards.ca.gov).

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