
North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Dear Ms. Stauffer and Mr. Devries:

Site: Simpson Timber Company, Remanufacturing Facility, 3315 Foster Avenue,
Arcata, Case No. 1NHU661

Subject: Site Status Summary

Regional Water Board staff has reviewed the historical file for the referenced site and prepared a summary memo of findings from the investigation, remediation, and groundwater monitoring activities that have been completed (attached). Based on the information contained in the file, and current groundwater data provided in the "Groundwater Sampling Report – January 2019" and "Groundwater Sampling Report – September 2019" prepared by Terraphase Engineering, Inc., Regional Water Board staff has the following comments:

- Dioxins and furans need to be investigated in the former dip tank area based on the historical presence of PCPs in soil and groundwater. Soil borings need to be drilled in the dip tank area to collect soil and groundwater samples for the analysis of dioxins and furans
- The debris disposal area mentioned in the historical file should be identified and documented. If debris exists from the cleanup, it should be removed and disposed at a permitted solid waste disposal facility
- Soil and groundwater samples should be collected from the former 500-gallon underground storage tank (UST) location at a depth coincident with the invert of the tank. The sample analysis should include waste oil constituents

- The presence of the water supply wells at the site, and on the property to the west (3067 Foster Avenue) should be investigated. The wells should be sampled if they are determined to be located near documented impacts. The site wells should be properly abandoned if they are no longer operational, and
- Based on the non-detect results and/or declining concentrations in several monitoring wells at the site, groundwater monitoring in all wells except MW-2 and MW-4 can be suspended. Semiannual or annual groundwater sampling of MW-2 and MW-4 should be continued to assess the presence of vinyl chloride that was detected during the September 2019 sampling event.

A workplan to investigate the former dip tank area and the 500-gallon UST is due by June 1, 2020. The workplan should include information and recommendations regarding the former debris disposal area, and the water supply wells (fourth bullet above). The groundwater monitoring and reporting of MW-2 and MW-4 can continue on an annual basis in the first quarter. Early second quarter sampling can be performed in 2020 because of the limited time remaining in the first quarter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at Paul.Nelson@waterboards.ca.gov or (707) 576-2686 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Site Review Summary Memo – Simpson Timer Company Arcata

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