
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

PUBLIC NOTICE DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PARKING LOT #12 321-327 STATE STREET, SANTA BARBARA

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póngase en contacto con Marina Perez al (916) 322-4265***

The Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) is the State regulatory agency responsible for the protection of groundwater and surface water quality within the Central Coast Region. The Central Coast Water Board is overseeing soil, soil vapor, and groundwater investigation and cleanup at the City of Santa Barbara Parking Lot #12 property located at 321-327 State Street in Santa Barbara (Site). This notification is to provide a summary of proposed cleanup activities and to solicit public comments.

BACKGROUND

The Site is currently a one-acre public parking lot located on the southeast side of West Gutierrez Street, between Motor Way and State Street. The Site was previously developed with service stations, automobile sales lots, automobile repair shops, and a Coit dry-cleaning facility. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including tetrachloroethene (PCE), are present in soil, soil vapor, and groundwater from these historic activities.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Rincon Consultants, Inc., on behalf of the City of Santa Barbara (Responsible Party), submitted *Treatability Study Report and Remedial Action Plan* dated November 16, 2023 (RAP),¹ proposing to perform *in situ* enhanced bioremediation by injecting microbes into the groundwater to reduce onsite groundwater contamination. Please see Figure 1 for details. Bioremediation uses microbes that are injected into groundwater to help change harmful chemicals such as PCE into less toxic ones. The microbes will be injected below ground without having to excavate soil or pump out groundwater. Central Coast Water Board staff will continue to oversee the cleanup activities and determine when the cleanup is complete.

¹ Treatability Study Report and Remedial Action Plan: <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?surl=nncn6>

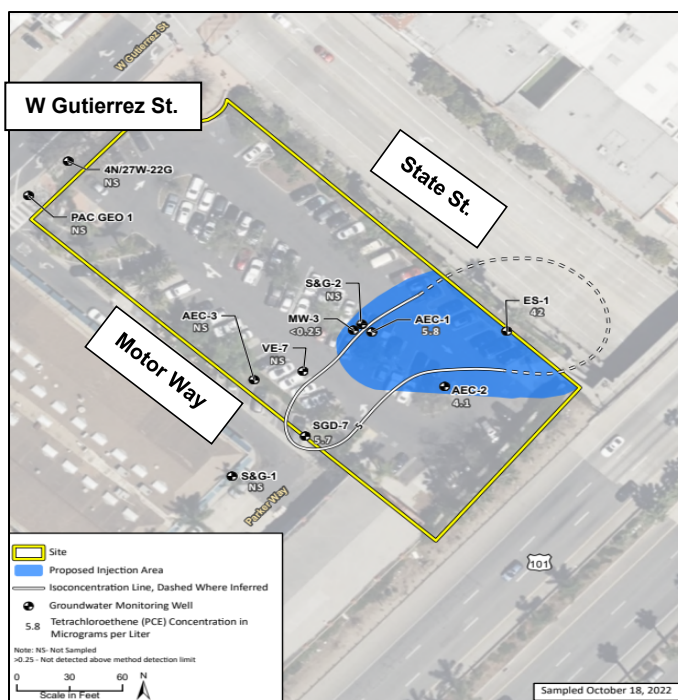


Figure 1. Site Location and Proposed Injection Area¹

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The public has 30 days to comment on the proposed RAP, as summarized in this fact sheet. Copies of the RAP, environmental data, and other reports are available to the public under the "Site Maps/Documents" tab on GeoTracker here:

<http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?gid=SLT3S2371349>

Central Coast Water Board staff invites all interested parties to submit written comments or questions about the proposed cleanup activities at 321-327 State Street in Santa Barbara, California. **The 30-day public comment period ends at close of business on April 15, 2024.** You may submit all public comments in writing or via email to the Central Coast Water Board at:

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FOR INFORMATION ABOUT PCE:

PCE Fact Sheet: <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfaqs/tfacts18.pdf>