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**Public Notice –No  
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**Castle Air Force  
 Base B65, B340,  
 B1336, B1509, and  
 B1530**

# PUBLIC NOTICE

**Castle Air Force Base – B65, B340, B1336, B1454,  
 and B1530**

**Santa Fe Drive, Atwater, CA**

**Public Notice:** The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) invites public comment on a request for regulatory closure, made on behalf of the United States Air Force Civil Engineer Center (AFCEC) for buildings B65, B340, B1336, B1454, and B1530 at the former Castle Air Force Base, located in Merced County, CA.

This Public Notice fact sheet provides general information on the Site. A map showing the location of the Site is attached (Figure 1-1).

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: 26 January – 26 February 2018**

**CASE SUMMARY:**

Central Valley Water Board staff have approved the Air Force’s request for regulatory closure, or ‘no further action’ (NFA) at five sites at Castle Air Force Base. These five sites contained underground storage tanks (USTs), above-ground storage tanks (ASTs), and oil/water separators (OWSs). The USTs, ASTs, and OWSs were utilized for petroleum storage and petroleum waste recovery at Castle Air Force Base. The site designation, facility type, and system components are provided in the following table:

<b>Table 1. Sites Proposed for Closure</b>		
<b>Site Designation</b>	<b>Facility Type</b>	<b>System Components</b>
<b>B65</b>	Fuel Storage	(1) 8-thousand gallon UST (1) 4-thousand gallon UST (1) 350-gallon UST (1) 100-gallon OWS
<b>B340</b>	Industrial Waste Recovery	(1) 350-gallon UST (1) 100-gallon OWS
<b>B1336</b>	Fuel Spill Recovery	(1) 5-thousand gallon UST (1) 300-gallon OWS
<b>B1509</b>	Industrial Waste Recovery	(1) 5-thousand gallon UST (1) 300-gallon OWS
<b>B1530</b>	Industrial Waste Recovery	(1) 1-thousand gallon AST (1) 8-thousand gallon OWS

During operation, petroleum was released from the USTs, ASTs, and OWSs and contaminated subsurface soil. Various investigations occurred at each of the five sites to evaluate the extent and magnitude of petroleum contamination. As a result of these investigations, several of the sites underwent remedial actions involving excavation of petroleum-contaminated soils. In addition, all of the USTs, ASTs, and/or OWSs were removed from each of the five sites with the exception of the OWS at B1336 because Merced County requested its retention.

Central Valley Water Board staff evaluated characteristics of each of the five sites against criteria from the State Water Resources Control Board's Low-Threat Underground Storage Tank Case Closure Policy (Low-Threat Closure). According to the Low-Threat Closure policy, each of the five sites meet criteria for closure because they do not present a significant threat to human health, safety, or the environment. As a result, Central Valley Water Board staff agree with the Air Force's request for NFA at these sites.

The Air Force's request for NFA at B65, B340, B1336, B1454, and B1530 is now open to the public for comments and concerns for a period of 30 days.

### **WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?**

Reports, a summary presentation, and Low-Threat Closure criteria tables can be viewed by accessing the State Water Resources Control Board's GeoTracker respective websites at:

B65: [http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=T0604700269](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0604700269)

B340: [http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=T0604700273](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0604700273)

B1336: [http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=T0604700305](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0604700305)

B1509: [http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=T0604700317](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T0604700317)

B1530: [http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile\\_report.asp?global\\_id=T10000010300](http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T10000010300)

The case file for the Site is also available for review at the Central Valley Water Board office located at 11020 Sun Center Drive, 200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. To make an appointment for a file review, please call (916) 464-4636.

### **HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?**

Any interested individual has the opportunity to learn more about the case by contacting either Mr. Roy Willis with the Air Force or Mr. John T. Murphy with the Central Valley Water Board. Written comments regarding concerns or issues on the planned regulatory closure for B65, B340, B1336, B1454, and B1530 should be submitted to John Murphy at the Central Valley Water Board by **26 February 2018**.

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