



# San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Work Notice

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### Upcoming Sampling Work – Old Train Depot 2009 to 2073 Railroad Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550

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#### Reports

Investigation results and other project documents can be found at:  
<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>  
(search for "Old Train Depot")

#### What is TPH?

*Total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) are a group of chemical compounds that come from crude oil products.*

#### What are VOCs?

*Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are chemicals that are commonly used as solvents, in household products, and in industry. Due to their widespread use, very low levels of VOCs are usually found in the air in homes and businesses and in outdoor air within urban areas.*

#### Is my drinking water safe?

*Your drinking water is safe to drink. Water is provided by either the Livermore Municipal Water Utility or the California Water Service Company and meets State and Federal standards for quality.*

#### Why am I receiving this?

The San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) is a state agency that oversees environmental investigations and site cleanup projects. You are receiving this fact sheet because you live, work, or own property near the Old Train Depot site cleanup project at 2009 – 2073 Railroad Avenue in Livermore (Site).

#### What is located at the Site?

The Site is located at the corner of Railroad Avenue and South L Street and consists of paved parking lots (see Figure 1). Historically, the Site was used for various industrial/commercial uses, including as a train depot, lumber yard, grocery store and retail stores. Nearby properties were used for dry-cleaning and auto body operations. The Site is planned for redevelopment into two multi-family residential buildings and a community park.

#### What investigation work has been completed?

Environmental investigations have found elevated levels of heavy metals (lead, arsenic) in shallow soil, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) in soil and groundwater, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in groundwater and soil gas (air in between soil particles).

#### What is the upcoming work?

The Water Board has requested that the City of Livermore, as the owner of the Site, to conduct additional investigation work to confirm the extent of contaminants at the Site. Work will include:

- Collecting soil samples using a drill rig at 18 locations

- Installing two new groundwater monitoring wells
- Collecting samples from these two new wells, one existing well, from 7 other temporary sampling locations, and additional samples as needed
- Installing soil gas wells and collecting samples from 12 locations

**What is the work schedule?**

This work will begin on August 2, 2021 and could last up to six weeks with periodic Site activity. Work will occur Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**How will the work impact you?**

You will notice a crew of 3-4 individuals installing equipment and collecting samples. There will be some noise from the drilling, and it will be necessary to temporarily block some parking spaces during installation and sample collection. Traffic cones and other measures will be set up to help guide pedestrians and/or vehicles around the work area.

**What are the next steps?**

Data from the investigation will be used to inform an Interim Remedial Action Plan (IRAP) to address contamination found on-Site. Prior to IRAP approval, the Water Board will distribute another fact sheet announcing the proposed remedial actions and offer the public 30 days to review and comment on the document. The Water Board may also hold a public meeting during the comment period.



Figure 1 – A map of the Site