

# Strategic approach taken to close-out at former Stanley Black & Decker site

Pittsburg, CA



**Client:** Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.

**Project size:** 20 acre site

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## Overview

A strong working relationship between WSP and the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) secured closure of site investigation and remedial action at a 20 acre former Stanley Black & Decker site in Pittsburg, CA. Our strategic approach to interpreting a new regulatory policy secured a No Further Action declaration for our client at this site.

## Our client's challenge

Stanley Black & Decker faced a complex issue at this former manufacturing facility in the Bay area involving the presence of elevated levels of chlorinated solvents.

The primary chemical of concern, TCE, had migrated from the industrial area into a neighborhood consisting of both residential and industrial uses. The concentration in groundwater was greater than the default standard and the cost of cleanup was prohibitive meaning our client faced the possibility of being unable to feasibly close the site.

## Our approach/services

We developed a strategy to follow a relatively new regulatory policy issued by the San Francisco RWQCB. The policy requires responsible parties to demonstrate adequate characterization of contamination, control and mitigation of contaminant sources, and that no current or potential for adverse risks or effects exists.

We assembled a range of facts and reports that proved that we had thoroughly evaluated the site conditions and documented that there was no risk to human health or the environment.

## Outcome

Only 3 sites in California have previously been granted closure with TCE concentrations exceeding the levels at this site. But through our strong working relationship with the Board we proved that in this case the site conditions pose no risk and our client was issued a No Further Action letter, alleviating any future expenditure.