

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
Wildfire Mitigation Plans Discovery 2023-2025
Data Response

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Asset Inspections

QUESTION 017

Page 76 of PG&E's 2025 WMP Update states,

Inspecting high consequence assets annually by ground would increase both the eyes-on-risk and the cost of the inspection plan relative to inspecting these assets every other year. PG&E calculates that approximately 37,000 additional inspections would need to be performed annually at a cost of roughly \$4.3 million. Similarly, inspecting medium consequence structures every other year would result in 15,000 more inspections at an additional annual cost of \$1.7 million.

- a) What would be the annual cost of performing approximately 37,000 additional detailed aerial inspections of high consequence assets?
- b) What would be the annual cost of performing approximately 15,000 additional detailed aerial inspections of medium consequence assets?
- c) What would be the estimated benefit, in dollars, of inspecting high consequence assets annually?
- d) What would be the estimated benefit, in dollars, of inspecting medium consequence assets annually?

ANSWER 017

- a) The annual cost of performing approximately 37,000 additional detailed aerial inspections of high consequence assets is roughly \$5.5 million.
- b) The annual cost of performing approximately 15,000 additional detailed aerial inspections of medium consequence assets is roughly \$2.25 million.
- c) PG&E does not quantify the estimated benefit, in dollars, of inspecting high or medium consequence assets annually. The main benefit of additional inspections is identifying additional maintenance needs, but PG&E does not have a standardized approach to calculating a dollar benefit associated with identifying additional notifications, as PG&E treats inspections as a foundational program that supports

PG&E's maintenance program. As noted in our 2025 WMP Update, additional inspection finds do not mitigate risk unless maintenance work is actually performed.

d) Please see the response to subpart (c) above for the requested explanation.