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SUBJECT: NON-SPATIAL DATA TABLES

The following questions relate to the attachment “Attachment 1 - All Data Tables Required by 2021 WMP Guidelines.xlsx.” For the purposes of these questions, the term “high-priority findings” refers to the combined number of Level 1 and Level 2 findings.

QUESTION 11

Per Table 1, the number of spans inspected where at least some vegetation was found in noncompliant condition in the HFTD rose from 1,919 in 2018 to 14,469 in 2019 and 24,998 in 2020. Likewise, the percentage of inspected spans with non-compliant vegetation was less than 0.5 percent each year from 2015 to 2018 and rose to 3.2 percent in 2019 and 4.6 percent in 2020. Please explain this increase in non-compliant vegetation in the last two years.

ANSWER 11

The data provided in Table 1 represents location data within the Vegetation Management Database (VMD) and does not correlate 1:1 with spans. We know in some areas that we have many spans grouped together in one location record. Considering PG&E does not capture span-by-span data in its Routine program, Table 1 was provided as a response based upon an analysis of VM database location records with Priority 1 (P1), Priority 2 (P2), Hazard Notification Urgent (HN-U), Hazard Notification Immediate (HN-I), and Immediate Priorities.

In 2019, PG&E’s VM Routine Distribution Program work was shifted to ensure that work associated with high fire risk circuit patrols was completed prior to the most prevalent wildfire months. In addition to the work shift, PG&E revised the procedural documents related to data capture and reporting requirements around non-compliant VM conditions. The changes resulted in an increase in non-compliant vegetation numbers reported as our processes and documentation were more strenuous and demanding.