



**Former Potrero Power Plant  
Progress Update  
June 2013**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is providing this update to keep the community informed about our progress on the environmental investigation and cleanup of the former Potrero Power Plant property. PG&E will be sending regular updates throughout the cleanup effort.

PG&E is working under the oversight of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) and other regulatory agencies to investigate and clean up the site, which is located on Illinois Street along the City of San Francisco's southeast waterfront.

**Preparations for Northeast Area Cleanup Underway**

To expedite the remediation process, we have designated seven work areas (see site figure below). This allows us to investigate and remediate each area independently, so that delays in one area do not hold back progress in other areas.

PG&E recently began work in the Northeast Area, which includes the southeast portion of the Port of San Francisco's Pier 70 property, which will help us finalize our cleanup plan for the area. The purpose of the cleanup plan is to address impacts from a former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) that operated on the property from the 1870s to 1930s.

In December 2012, the Water Board approved a Feasibility Study which identified the benefits and drawbacks of potential cleanup technologies and recommended one for approval. The first phase of preparation for the cleanup took place in March when we excavated and sampled soil from test pits in the Northeast Area. Results gathered from the test pits will help us evaluate the soil conditions, fill materials and the presence of underground structures or other obstructions that may be encountered during upcoming cleanup work.

This fall, we will conduct a Pilot Study to test the approved remediation technology, in-place solidification of soils. This technology uses a mix of cement and various additives to solidify contaminated soils in place and thereby minimize contaminants from spreading. We anticipate the Pilot Study will take approximately two months to complete. We will keep the community informed about planned work hours and any possible traffic or parking restrictions.

Additional information about the approved cleanup plan for the Northeast Area is available online at: <https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov>. (Click on advanced search and enter **Case ID number: 38S0038**)

**Station A Closure Documents Under Review**

PG&E and GenOn Potrero, LLC (the current owner of the Station A Area) are working with the Water Board to finalize closure documents for the Station A Area (please see map). These documents, which include a Risk Management Plan and a Land Use Covenant, will describe the institutional and engineering controls proposed to address and effectively manage the environmental impacts found within the area. Prior to being finalized by the Water Board, the documents will be available for public review and comment.

**Sediments Investigation Update**

Since 2009, four phases of investigation have been performed in the Sediments Study Area (see site map below). Over the past few months, PG&E has been working with the Water Board and other regulatory agencies to review

the investigation findings. This fall, PG&E will present a comprehensive report to the Water Board, the Port of San Francisco and the public.

We anticipate a Feasibility Study for the Sediments Area, which will identify and evaluate potential cleanup options, will be developed in 2014.

### Upcoming Community Open Houses

PG&E is committed to a comprehensive community outreach plan for our cleanup activities. Our efforts include regular project newsletters, community informational meetings and stakeholder outreach. This summer and fall we are looking forward to continuing this outreach with two meetings where community members will have the opportunity to speak directly to the project team and our regulators.

The first meeting will explain and highlight details of the Pilot Study planned for the Northeast Area (see above). During the second meeting, we will present the findings of the investigations conducted in the Sediments Study Area (see above). Once dates have been finalized, members of the community and our project stakeholders will receive invitations to each meeting.

We appreciate the feedback we receive at these community meetings and hope that everyone has an opportunity to attend.



Approximate boundaries shown. Map not to scale.

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