



Former Bakersfield Manufactured Gas Plant 800 20th Street, Bakersfield

Environmental Project Update Summer 2026

Introduction

In July 2026, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) will begin an environmental cleanup project at 800 20th Street in Bakersfield (site). While the site does not present a health or safety risk in its current condition, cleanup is needed to provide long-term protection of public health and the environment. Work will also allow for future property development. Cleanup work is overseen by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and conducted in accordance with permits from Kern County and the City of Bakersfield.

Site History

From 1888 to 1910 a manufactured gas plant (MGP) operated at the Site providing gas for the lighting, heating and cooking needs of the community. PG&E purchased the property in the 1940s and used it for vehicle repair until selling the property in 1967. An autobody repair shop operated on the site until 2019 when PG&E repurchased the property to support environmental work. Byproducts from the gas making process were left buried at the site – a common practice before environmental regulations. PG&E will be cleaning up the property in accordance with today's environmental regulations.

Upcoming Work

Work will begin on July 13, 2026, and last about four months. Work will occur Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with noisier activities occurring after 8 a.m. Some work may occur on Saturdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Work includes:

- Removing one tree on Q Street to prepare the site for cleanup work. The sycamore tree on Q Street will be replaced at the end of the project.
- Breaking up asphalt and concrete foundations to access soil for removal.
- Installing shoring to support deep excavations safely.
- Excavating about 6,400 cubic yards (450 truckloads) of contaminated soil to a depth of up to 6 feet below the surface across most of the site and up to 15 feet below the surface in the southeastern portion of the site.
- Safely transporting excavated soil to off-site licensed disposal facilities.
- Backfilling excavations with clean soil and restoring the site.



Excavators and other heavy equipment will be used to remove soil.

What You May See During Cleanup

Cleanup work will include backhoes, excavators, and big-rig trucks. At the height of excavation work, on average about 20 trucks per day will enter and exit the site. A portion of the lanes adjacent to the site along 20th, P and Q Streets will be closed to support cleanup work and the safe flow of traffic. Trucks will follow a City-approved truck route that minimizes trips through residential areas. Trucks will also limit idling and not line up on City streets. Trucks will exit the site onto 20th Street, turn left onto Q Street, right onto 24th Street, right onto Golden State Avenue / California State Route 204, and then onto California State Route 58. Flaggers will be used, as needed, to manage vehicle and pedestrian traffic when trucks are entering and exiting the site.

Community Protection Measures

All work will be conducted in accordance with project-specific plans including a Health and Safety Plan, Environmental Management Plan, Community Air Monitoring Plan and a Traffic Control and Management Plan. Safety measures employed during cleanup work will include:

- Air monitoring upwind and downwind of excavation areas and along the site perimeter.
- Monitoring for noise and vibrations along the site perimeter.
- Using water, spray foam and plastic sheeting to control dust and odors.
- Covering truck loads, cleaning tires and inspecting trucks prior to leaving the site.
- Cleaning streets with street sweepers, as needed.
- Fencing off work areas and posting site signage with contact information.



Air monitoring equipment will be used to confirm the work is done in a health protective manner.

Community Engagement

PG&E is committed to working with the community during this work to minimize any potential impacts. This includes regularly providing up-to-date project information, briefing interested stakeholders and other outreach prior to the start of cleanup work. Weekly updates will be distributed during active construction work and community relations staff will be on-site, as needed, to address public inquiries. To sign up for weekly updates, please email remediation@pge.com.



Soil will be kept damp to help control dust and odors.

For More Information

We welcome your input. For more information, please contact the toll-free PG&E Environmental Remediation Response Line at (866) 247-0581 or remediation@pge.com.

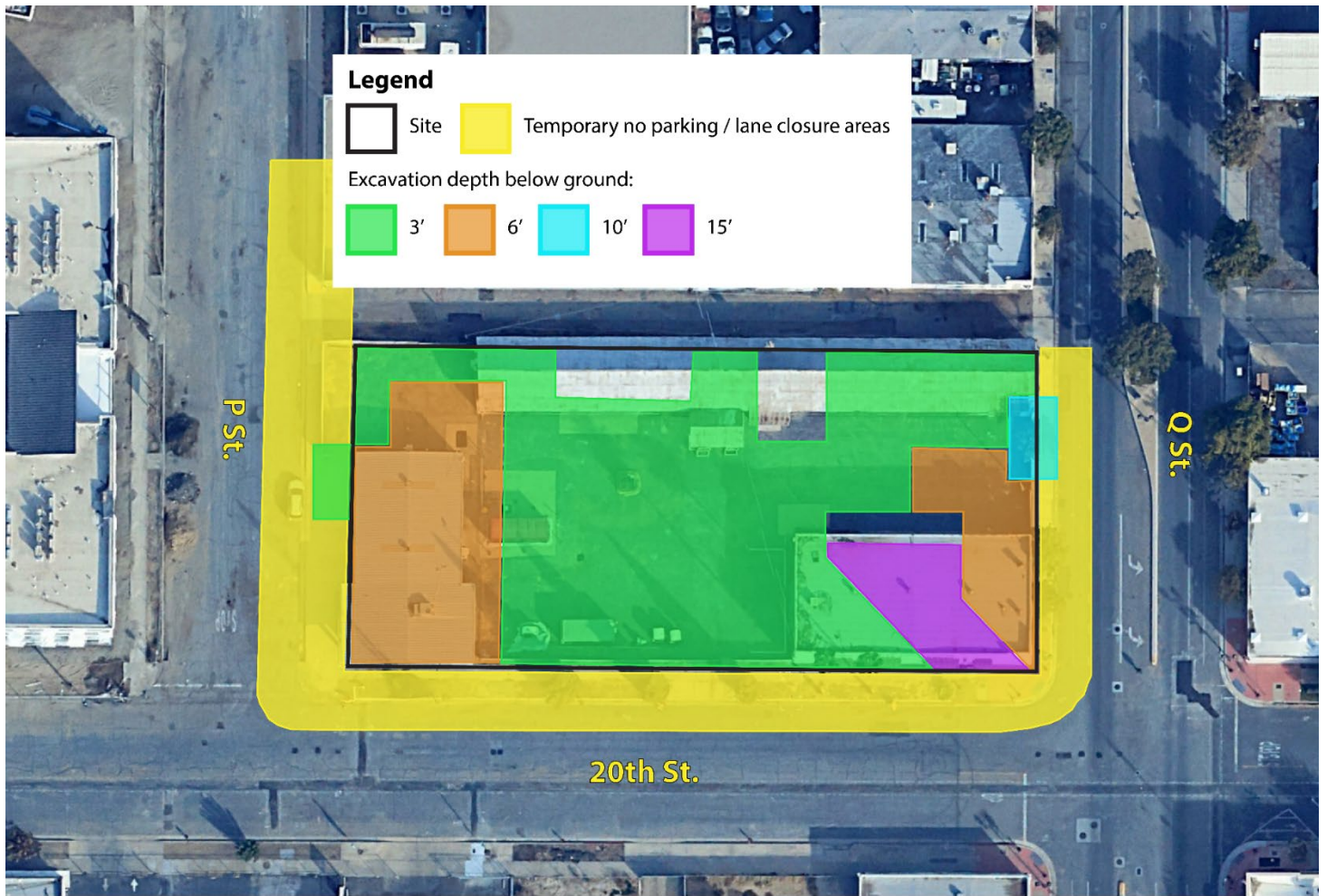


Figure 1 – A map of the site, excavation areas and temporary lane closures.