

Work Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances through the restoration of contaminated resources, enforcement, regulation and pollution prevention.

Former Manufactured Gas Plant Colusa, California

Cleanup Work Scheduled - October 8, 2012 to February 2013

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is distributing this work notice to inform the community that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) will begin cleanup work at the former Colusa Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site located at 105 Second Street in Colusa. PG&E Colusa Service Center, Substation, and Pole Yard. are currently located at the site. From 1886 to about 1940, an MGP operated at this site. The MGP produced gas for lighting, cooking and heating needs of local residents. PG&E contractors, under DTSC's oversight, will be cleaning up impacts to the soil from historic gas-making activities. The cleanup work will address the following soil contamination:

- Metals such as Lead and Arsenic
- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs): These are a group of chemicals that occur naturally in coal, crude oil and gasoline
- Total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH): These are compounds found in crude oil
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which are not associated with MGP residues, and used in the past as lubricants/coolants in transformers, were also found at the site

Details of Cleanup Work:

- Work will take place between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Underground utility survey to identify piping and other underground features.
- Use of major construction equipment such as saws, excavators, backhoes, loaders, compactors, and trucks.
- Demolition of approximately 9,200 square feet of concrete and 4,500 square feet of asphalt to excavate soils below.
- Removal of excavated concrete, asphalt and approximately 3,000 cubic yards of excavated soil (200 truckloads) using trucks.
- Backfilling the excavated areas with clean, imported soil. Confirmation sampling to ensure all contamination is excavated. Cleanup and restoration of the site and adjacent areas.

Community Protection Measures:

- To ensure that the surrounding community is protected, all work will be done according to a site-specific Health and Safety Plan.
- An environmental project manager present on-site daily to monitor and approve all work.
- Measures to control traffic such as flaggers, occasional rerouting of vehicular/pedestrian traffic may occur.
- Air Monitoring, Noise control, Dust control, and Odor suppression activities will be performed.

- Area residents and businesses can expect to experience noise and vibrations associated with cutting of asphalt and concrete, with compaction work, and increased truck traffic. During peak on-site activities, there will be about 10 trucks entering and exiting the site per day.

Truck Route

Trucks transporting soil to and from the site will use city-approved truck routes. Trucks with non-hazardous waste will exit the site on First, Second, or Main Street on to State Route 20 to an approved off-site facility in Wheatland, California. Trucks transporting hazardous waste will exit the site on First, Second, or Main Street on to State Route 20 to an approved off-site facility in Buttonwillow, California.

Information Repositories

You can review the Investigation Work Plan and other site-related documents at the following locations:

Colusa County Library - Reference Desk
738 Market Street
Colusa, CA 95932
(530) 458-7671 - Call for days and hours of operation

Department of Toxic Substances Control - File Room
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
(916) 255- 3758 - Call for an appointment

To find information on the web, please visit the following site: www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public. Click on “Site/Facility Search” under “Tools”. Enter “Colusa” in the city field, click “Get Report,” and then click on “Report” link next to “PG&E MGP, COLUSA”.

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Site Map for PG&E Colusa

