

# 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.

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## Former Hollister Manufactured Gas Plant Environmental Cleanup to begin on August 8, 2013

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is distributing this notice to inform the community that Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) will begin a four-month project to remove soil contaminated from historic gas-making operations at the PG&E Service Center located at Sally and Sixth Streets in Hollister, Calif. Soil being removed from the site contains petroleum products, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals. Project controls designed to protect on-site workers and area residents and workers include air monitoring and measures to control dust, odors, vibrations and noise.

**Work Planned:** Cleanup work will begin on August 8<sup>th</sup> and will last about four months. Work will be conducted Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will include the following:

- An underground utility survey to identify piping and other underground features;
- Removal of site asphalt and concrete paving;
- Phased removal of approximately 4,900 cubic yards (7,350 tons) of soil from depths generally ranging from two to 10 feet, and one area to 60 feet;
- Placement of excavated soil in trucks and/or bins for off-site disposal;
- Backfill and compaction of excavated areas with clean, imported soil;
- Cleanup and restoration of the site and adjacent areas; and
- Work will include the use of major construction equipment such as excavators, backhoes, loaders and large trucks.

**Community Protection Measures:** The health and safety of on-site workers and the community is of great importance. Project environmental controls designed to protect on-site workers, areas residents and workers and general passersby will be used throughout the project. Measures include air monitoring during all project activities, traffic control/management, and control of noise and dust.

**Off-Site Impacts:** Area residents and businesses can expect to experience some noise and vibrations typical of heavy construction work. This includes saw-cutting of asphalt and concrete, vibrations associated with compaction work and increased truck traffic. At the peak of on-site activities, 12 to 20 trucks may enter and exit the site each day. Activities will be coordinated with nearby businesses to limit interference with their operations, to the greatest extent possible.

**Truck Route:** Once loaded, trucks will be covered, visually inspected, cleaned and directed out of the site by traffic control personnel. Trucks transporting soil to and from the site will only use City-approved truck routes. The trucks will exit the site by turning right onto Seventh Street, turning left (south) on East Street, turning left (east) on South Street and turning left (north) onto the Highway 25 bypass.

**Where to Find Project Documents:** DTSC encourages you to review the investigation work plan and other site-related documents, which are available at the information repositories listed below:

San Benito County Free Library  
470 Fifth Street  
Hollister, CA 95023  
831.636.4107

DTSC - File Room  
700 Heinz Avenue  
Berkeley, CA 94710  
510.540.3800 - call for an appointment  
Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday

All public documents provided by DTSC can be made available in an alternative format (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language, as appropriate, in accordance with State and Federal law. Please contact Veronica Lopez-Villaseñor for assistance, as noted in the For More Information section.

**EnviroStor Database:** Key technical reports, fact sheets, and other site-related information are available at DTSC's EnviroStor website: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov>.

**For More Information:** If you have questions about this project, please call:

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