



Pacific Gas and Electric Company - Voluntary Manufactured Gas Plant Program
Former Woodland MGP – Work Notice
Work Planned March 25 – April 2, 2013

March 2013

As part of our commitment to environmental responsibility, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is in the process of cleaning up more than 40 Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) sites it owned or operated throughout California. This program is being conducted voluntarily under the oversight of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

A former manufactured gas plant operated from the late 1871 to 1921 in the area of Main and Fourth Streets in Woodland. The gas plant was shut down in 1921 and PG&E sold the property in the mid-1950s. The property has since been redeveloped and used for a variety of purposes.

What is a Manufactured Gas Plant?

In the mid-1800s and early 1900s, before natural gas was available as an energy source, more than 1,500 MGPs were located in cities and towns throughout the United States. MGPs used coal and oil to produce gas for lighting, heating and cooking. With the arrival of natural gas, most of the MGP sites in PG&E's service territory were no longer needed and were closed down.

Upcoming Activities and Schedule

PG&E contractors will be taking samples of soil, soil gas (the air space between particles of soil) and groundwater in and around Main and Fourth Streets to determine the extent of gas plant residues. All work will be coordinated closely with the City of Woodland and area residents and businesses to minimize or avoid disruptions to the community.

Sampling work will take place from March 25 to April 2, 2013, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and on weekends, if needed. Work will include:

- Temporarily blocking off sampling areas;
- Identifying underground piping and utilities;
- Drilling holes through concrete and asphalt with hand equipment and a truck-mounted drill rig to collect soil and groundwater samples;
- Cataloging samples for laboratory testing; and
- Backfilling holes and general cleanup.

Once the samples are analyzed, PG&E's contractors may return to the site to perform additional site investigations more. Sample results will be used to design a cleanup plan for the site, if necessary.

For More Information

PG&E is committed to providing our neighbors and interested community members with timely information on project activities. For more information please contact:

- Tracy Craig, Community Relations, (510) 334-4866 or tacm@pge.com
- PG&E toll-free Community Hotline, (866) 247-0581