



Former Potrero Power Plant Cleanup Project Newsletter

April 2015

PG&E Continues to Make Progress at Former Potrero Power Plant Site

PG&E is committed to addressing environmental impacts from our historical operations. As part of this commitment, we are voluntarily cleaning up impacts from both a former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) and a power plant that operated on the Potrero site. The MGP operated from the 1870s to the 1930s, and the power plant was operated by PG&E from 1910 to 1999, when the power plant property was sold to Southern Company (NRG Potrero, LLC, is the current owner). Power plant operations were ceased in 2011. The site is located on Illinois Street between 22nd Street and 23rd Street along San Francisco's central waterfront.

PG&E has been making steady progress on our cleanup of the Potrero site. We have completed two project areas, and are finalizing regulatory closure of a third. We are making strides in the remaining areas that are currently accessible. Investigation and cleanup work is done under the oversight of the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) and other regulatory agencies.

Cleanup Overview

We have finished work in two of the seven project areas—the PG&E-owned Hoe Down Yard and the Switchyard/ General Construction Yard Area. We are also finalizing remediation efforts for the NRG owned Station A Area. This leaves work in four remaining areas: the Northeast Area (including a portion of the Pier 70 Property), the Offshore Sediment Area, the Tank Farm and the Power Generation Facility. Some soil and groundwater investigations have already been conducted in the Tank Farm and Power Generation Facility Areas.

Additional investigations will take place once the power plant structures have been removed by NRG, the property owner.

Inside this newsletter you will find information about our 2015 project activities and goals, including:

- Water Board Review of Offshore Sediment Feasibility Study
- Northeast Area Cleanup Plan Preparations
- Regulatory closure of the Station A Area



A draft Cleanup Plan will outline a preferred cleanup option for the Offshore Sediment Area

Offshore Sediment Cleanup Plans Submitted for Water Board Review

PG&E is in the process of developing a Cleanup Plan for the Offshore Sediment Area of the former Potrero Power Plant Site. This area includes sediments in the San Francisco Bay near the former power plant property and the Port of San Francisco's Pier 70 property.

PG&E completed several phases of investigations in the Offshore Sediment Area. A detailed report describing the findings was approved by the Water Board last fall. Based on recommendations in the Report, PG&E is now working with the Water Board to prepare a draft Feasibility Study (FS) of cleanup options for the Offshore Sediment Area. The draft FS will outline cleanup options and suggest a preferred option for the area.

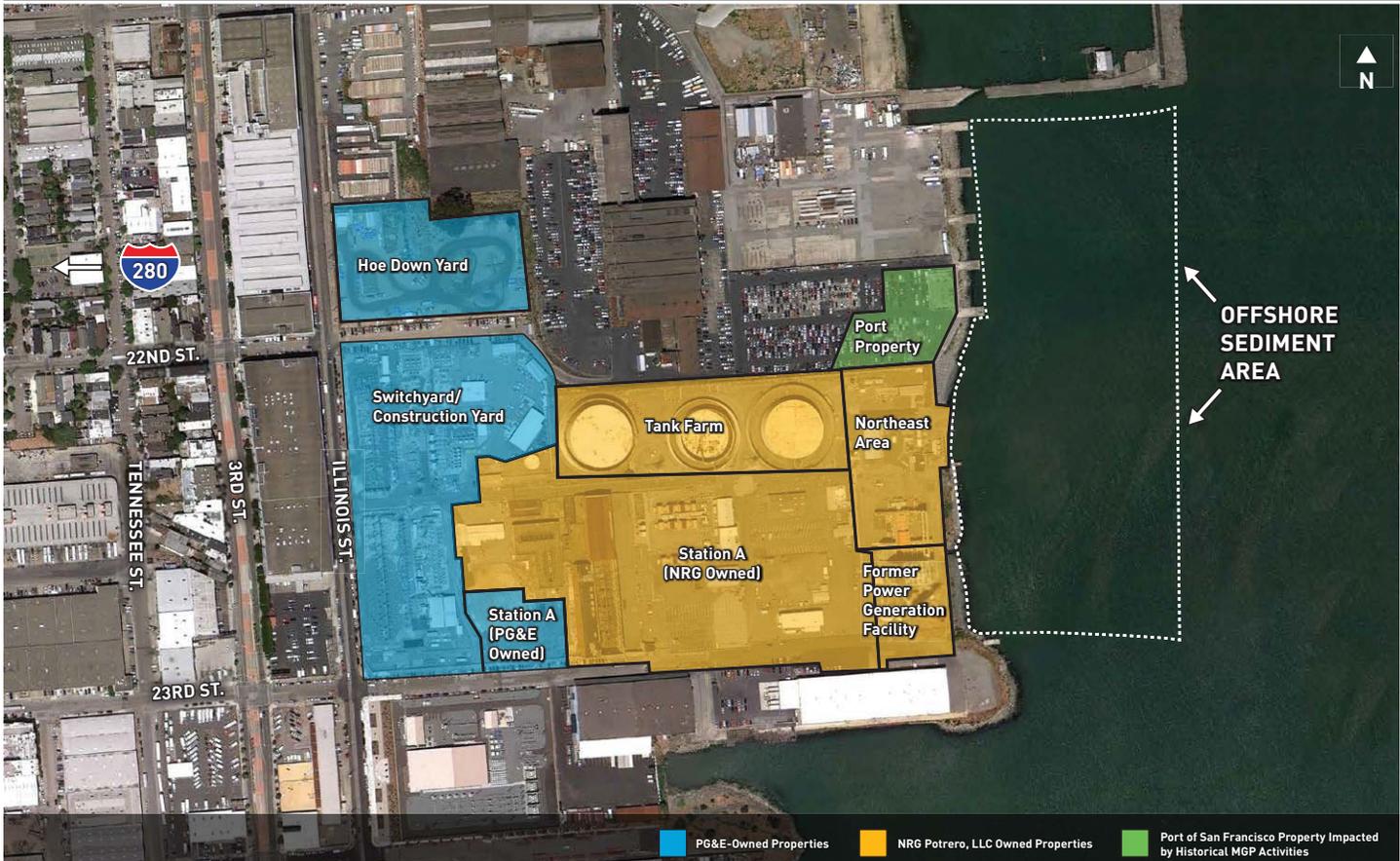
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PG&E Potrero Site

The site has seven designated project areas. These separate areas allow us to investigate and remediate each area independently, so that potential delays in one area do not hold back progress in other areas.



Northeast Area Cleanup Plan Preparations

A cleanup method (Soil Solidification with Limited Excavation) for the Northeast Area has been approved by the Water Board. Last year we conducted an on-site Pilot Test of the soil solidification technology (please see the December 2014 Project Newsletter at www.pge.com/potrero for more information about the Pilot Test). As an important next step in the cleanup process, we used the Pilot Test results to develop a draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Northeast Area.

The draft RAP provides details about how we plan to treat soil (using soil solidification) on the former Power Plant Property and excavate soil on the Pier 70 property. The RAP

also describes the administrative controls that will be put in place to help ensure the safety of the public in the future, such as during construction projects.

PG&E is committed to keeping the community fully informed about our efforts. This fall, the project team will notify stakeholder groups and community members when the draft RAP is available and solicit feedback and answer questions about the draft RAP. The Water Board will hold a formal public comment period before the RAP is finalized.

We anticipate the RAP will be approved early next year, with active cleanup beginning in 2017.

Offshore Sediment Cleanup Plans Submitted for Water Board Review

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PG&E considered a number of criteria when evaluating cleanup options. The preferred cleanup option outlined in the draft FS includes several elements. It includes removing and then capping impacted sediment in the area near the shore, treating some of the sediments in place using activated carbon, and using natural recovery for other areas. These efforts will address PG&E's impacts while also limiting disturbance to the Bay and its ecosystem to the furthest extent possible.

Later this month, PG&E will host an open house to provide additional details about our preferred cleanup approach; gather community feedback and answer questions. For more information about the event, please see the invitation on the front of this Newsletter.

The Water Board will also seek public comment on the plan as part of their formal community outreach process and all comments received during the Public Comment Period will be reviewed and considered before the Feasibility Study is approved.

PG&E Nearing Station A Milestone

We are nearing a major milestone as we finalize regulatory closure of the Station A Area. The Station A Area, currently owned by NRG, is one of the largest areas at the Potrero Site.

Over the past few months PG&E and NRG, under the oversight of the Water Board, have worked together to prepare closure documents for the Station A Area called the Final Remedy documents. The Final Remedy documents describe the engineering and institutional controls that will ensure the

ongoing protection of human health and the environment for the specified property uses.

The closure will include a No Further Action letter from the Water Board and agreements with NRG for the ongoing use of the property. In keeping with the terms of the Final Remedy, we recently repaired and installed asphalt and hardscaping in portions the Station A Area. Work was completed in mid-March.



Asphalt repair and maintenance in Station A Area

Contact Information

For more information, please email us at potreroinfo@pge.com or call the Environmental Remediation Information and Response Line at 1-866-247-0581. You may also contact Mark Johnson of the Water Board at (510) 622-2493 or mjohnson@waterboards.ca.gov.



Safety is PG&E's top priority. All components of our project work are structured to protect the local community, the environment and site workers. As our work progresses this year, PG&E will implement and enforce all appropriate safety protocols.



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Open for more information
about the cleanup of the
former Potrero Power
Plant property.

You are invited...

PG&E invites you to a community open house to learn more about the cleanup options we are exploring for the Offshore Sediment Area of the former Potrero Power Plant site.

PG&E is developing a cleanup plan for the Offshore Sediment Area of the former Potrero Power Plant site. We would like to share with you the draft cleanup options submitted to the San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board, the agency overseeing the cleanup.

The open house will provide you with a chance to speak with the project team about our plans. We look forward to seeing you there.

Tuesday, April 21, 2015
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Mercy Housing California, Community Room
1180 4th Street, San Francisco, CA 94158

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