



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR
Draft Remedial Action Workplan
Portion of the Former Watsonville-1 Manufactured Gas Plant
618 Main Street, Watsonville, California**



June 27 – July 31, 2011

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces a 30-day public comment period on a draft Remedial Action Workplan (draft RAW) prepared by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for a property located at 618 Main Street in downtown Watsonville, California. This property (the site) was part of a larger parcel that a manufactured gas plant (known as the former Watsonville-1 MGP) operated on from the late 1800s to the early 1900s.

Environmental investigations found residues from the historic operations of the gas plant at the site, including elevated levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soil, soil gas (air pockets in the soil) and groundwater at the site. The draft RAW proposes a combination of cleanup activities to include excavating about 300 cubic yards (up to 25 truckloads) of soil and asphalt and replacing it with clean fill material, capping or paving some areas, ongoing monitoring of groundwater and soil gas, and making changes to the deed restriction on the property to require monitoring of site conditions and limiting what the property may be used for in the future.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): To comply with CEQA, DTSC has evaluated the project to determine potential environmental impacts of the proposed cleanup plan. DTSC has determined that the proposed cleanup plan is exempt from CEQA and would have no significant impact to the environment or community. DTSC has documented this finding in a Notice of Exemption (NOE) and intends to file it with the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse, if the draft RAW is approved.

Public Comment Period: The public is invited to comment on the draft RAW and CEQA NOE during the 30-day public comment period which runs from **June 27, 2011** to **July 31, 2011**. All public comments will be carefully considered in making the final decision for the site. Written comments must be postmarked by **July 31, 2011**. Please mail your comments to Henry Chiu, DTSC Project Manager, at 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710, or email your comments to him at hchiu@dtsc.ca.gov.

Information Repositories: A copy of the draft RAW, the CEQA NOE and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below:

Watsonville Public Library	DTSC – File Room
275 Main Street, Suite 100	700 Heinz Avenue
Watsonville, CA 95076	Berkeley, CA 94710
(831) 768-3400	(510) 540-3800
Dody Anderson, Principal Librarian	Call for appointment

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

EnviroStor Database: Copies of key technical reports, fact sheets, and other site-related information are available online at DTSC’s EnviroStor website:
<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov>.

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