



Pacific Gas and Electric Company Voluntary Manufactured Gas Plant Program

Former Eureka-1 MGP – Fact Sheet
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PG&E is voluntarily conducting, with oversight provided by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, an environmental cleanup project along the waterfront about two miles south of downtown Eureka. This work is being done to address contamination in soil and groundwater from historic manufactured gas making operations that occurred during the early 1900s.

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.

Project Description

The site is located at 14th and Railroad Streets about two miles south of downtown Eureka. PG&E, in cooperation with the property owner, has conducted several phases of environmental investigations to fully define the extent of residues in soil and groundwater at this parcel.

PG&E is in the process of developing a plan to clean up the site. An evaluation of cleanup alternatives will be available for public review and comment in 2013. Following the comment period, a design to clean up the site will be prepared and actual cleanup of the property is anticipated to take place in 2014.

Upcoming Activities – Summer 2013

To facilitate cleanup of the site, a section of PG&E's existing natural gas distribution pipeline that runs through the middle of the site will have to be relocated. PG&E expects to dig the trench for the pipeline this summer and will complete the actual pipeline installation in spring of 2014. Trenching activities are expected to take approximately three weeks.

Equipment that will be used for trenching activities includes an excavator, a backhoe, a loader, and multiple trucks. There will be a crew of approximately 5 to 10 individuals on-site during the trenching work and project controls, including air and dust monitoring will be in place to protect on-site workers and surrounding populations. All work will be performed within the blue fenced area and will be difficult to see from the street or surrounding properties.

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:

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