



# Voluntary Manufactured Gas Plant Program

## Former Oakdale MGP – Fact Sheet

### Fall 2014

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#### Introduction

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) will begin a five-month cleanup project this fall at its Oakdale Service Center site to remove soil containing residues from historic on-site gas production activities. The Oakdale Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) generated gas from coal and oil. It was closed in 1930 when natural gas became more available in the area. As was common practice at the time, byproducts from gas-making were left on-site when the plant was demolished.

PG&E has completed an environmental investigation of the site and determined the extent of remaining MGP residues. PG&E is voluntarily performing this work as part of a company-wide program to clean up old gas plant sites. The California Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has approved the cleanup project and will oversee and approve the work.

PG&E has successfully completed comparable cleanup projects at other operating service center sites including Hollister, Colusa and Selma. The Oakdale service center will continue to operate during the cleanup project.

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#### What work is planned?

The project will involve the removal of contaminated soil and replacement with clean fill. Work hours will be Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Project activities include:

- Ready the site for remediation, including conducting an underground utility survey, installing fencing, removing asphalt, conducting background air sampling and bringing equipment on-site;
- Installing site shoring to support the walls of excavated areas;
- Phased removal and off-site disposal of 7,550 cubic yards (about 950 truckloads) of soil contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, total petroleum hydrocarbons and metals, using large equipment such as excavators and dump trucks;
- Monitoring air quality during excavation activities to comply with air quality regulations;
- Applying water, odor masking products and plastic tarps to minimize dust and odors, and taking steps to monitor and minimize potential noise and vibrations;
- Site restoration including re-grading, soil compaction, paving, and general site cleanup; and
- Resurfacing over existing asphalt in non-excavated areas.

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#### Will there be any off-site impacts?

PG&E will work closely with on-site employees, the City of Oakdale, the Oakdale Unified School District, and local residents and businesses to limit off-site impacts from this work. We will communicate project activities well in advance of construction activities.

**Truck Traffic:** To minimize traffic disruption, a maximum of 15 to 20 trucks will enter and exit the site daily. No more than two trucks will be on-site at the same time and most trucks will be staged off-site. No trucks



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will be allowed to enter or exit the site during peak traffic hours. Flaggers will manage truck and pedestrian traffic to ensure vehicular and pedestrian safety. Trucks will travel on City-approved truck routes. All trucks will be low-emissions and CARB-compliant.

**Noise/Vibrations:** A portion of the work may cause noise and vibrations typical of heavy construction work. On-site vibration monitors will be used and noise will be kept within City of Oakdale-permitted levels.

**Odors/Dust:** Some of the soil being removed contains petroleum products and removal may create short-term odors. To manage the potential for dust and odors, PG&E will limit the areas of excavation and use water, odor masking products, and plastic tarps. Air monitoring will be conducted at the excavation site and along the perimeter of the property to keep airborne dust and vapor levels below California Environmental Protection Agency levels that have been established to protect on-site worker and public health.

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#### How can I get more information?

Community relations staff will be on-site during working hours on an as-needed basis and available 24/7 via cell phone to quickly respond to issues. If you have questions, concerns or need additional information, please contact:

- Bill White, PG&E Project Manager, 925.415.6339 or [wfb@pge.com](mailto:wfb@pge.com);
- PG&E Toll-Free Community Hotline, 866.247.0581 or [remediation@pge.com](mailto:remediation@pge.com);
- <http://www.pge.com/about/environment/taking-responsibility/mgp/oakdale.shtml>; and
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