



**WORK NOTICE
PG&E Merced Service Center
560 West 15th Street
Merced, California
July 2008**



Field Work being conducted beginning the week of July 14th

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is distributing this notice to inform the community about upcoming work to be performed as part of a site investigation at the PG&E Merced Service Center (site) located at 560 West 15th Street in Merced, California. A manufactured gas plant operated on the site from the late 1800s to the early 1900s. PG&E contractors, under the oversight of DTSC, plan to begin collecting samples of soil and groundwater throughout the site. These samples are being collected to determine if residues from past gas manufacturing operations are present in soil and groundwater at the site.

Work will take place from July 14th through July 28th between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Work includes drilling boreholes through concrete and asphalt to obtain soil samples. Soil samples will be taken from the boreholes using hand sampling equipment and a truck-mounted drill rig. About 30 boreholes (on-site and off-site) will be drilled and about 150 soil samples will be collected. Boreholes will be filled with a concrete mixture and patched with asphalt or concrete after work is completed.

All work will be conducted in accordance with a site Health and Safety Plan. Workers may wear safety gear while working on-site and operating heavy equipment.

Most investigation activities will take place within the fenced areas of the site. Several borings will be drilled in the sidewalk area next to the site; during sidewalk-area drilling activities, pedestrian traffic and on-street parking will be detoured to the opposite side of the street.

This work will be done according to the Remedial Investigation Workplan for the site. This document can be found at:

DTSC – File Room
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826
(916) 255-3575

Merced County Library
2100 O Street
Merced, CA 95340
(209) 385-7643

In fall 2008, PG&E contractors may return to the site to conduct one or more phases of site investigation work including collection of additional soil, soil gas and groundwater samples. This data will help determine the extent of cleanup that will be necessary.

If you have any questions about this work, please contact DTSC's Project Manager, Calvin Koehn, (559) 297-3937 or by email at ckoehn@dtsc.ca.gov. You may also call or email DTSC's Public Participation Specialist, Heidi Nelson, at (916) 255-3575 or toll free at (866) 495-5651. Ms. Nelson may be reached by email at hnelson@dtsc.ca.gov.

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