

INFORMATIONAL NOTICE – July 7, 2010
Ongoing Environmental Restoration Activities at
111 Santa Rosa Avenue • Santa Rosa, California

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has been actively working to comply with a North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board ("Regional Board") Cleanup and Abatement Order to investigate and remediate historical environmental impacts at 111 Santa Rosa Avenue.

Gas Plants ... A Part of Our History

From the 1800s to the mid-1900s, manufactured gas plants (MGPs) were operated by utility companies nationwide. These plants provided local homes and businesses with gas for lighting, heating and cooking. The gas was commonly known as "town gas." At that time, town gas was a major step forward. It revolutionized street lighting, enhanced public safety and allowed businesses to work into the night.

From 1876 until 1924, a manufactured gas plant operated in Santa Rosa. It was located in the area of what is now the parking lot of 111 Santa Rosa Avenue. In 1924, when natural gas came to the area, the plant shut down and was dismantled. The site later operated as a natural gas distribution center until 1969. PG&E sold the property in 1987.

Current Remediation

Remediation of leftover gas plant material in the most heavily impacted area of the site has been underway since 2009. The extraction/treatment system now in place has been very productive and will continue to be in use as long as it is successful in extracting materials. The system may be in operation until the end of the summer. PG&E continues to work with the current property owner and surrounding businesses to minimize the impact on employees and customers.

Future Remediation

Remediation plans for the remaining portions of the MGP site are being developed under the continued oversight of the Regional Board and the Santa Rosa Fire Department. At the end of May, PG&E submitted a draft Feasibility Study (FS) to the Regional Board describing the most viable options for the next phase of work. The decision regarding what approach is used is made by the Regional Board in coordination with other oversight agencies.

PG&E is presenting remedial options that balance protecting the environment with limiting the day-to-day impacts of our activities on the surrounding community and businesses. This involves one approach that

combines some excavation with the addition of a protective barrier to prevent the migration of contaminants left in place that do not present a health risk because they are buried at depth. Such an approach balances environmental responsibility and local impacts since it reduces truck traffic and emissions associated with the excavation and transport, as well as reduces the length of the construction by 1-2 years. This approach also minimizes the amount of contaminated soils disposed in landfills.

Please contact us at (866) 247-0581 for details about the proposed clean-up approach and its impact to the local area. A future project update will report about the FS process and planned activities.

For More Information

PG&E would be happy to explain the current work at the site as well as the proposed approach for the next phase of the project. For more information, please call (866) 247-0581 or visit: www.pge.com/mgp. We will return your call within 24 hours and are happy to meet with you to describe our work.

We always welcome your comments, questions, and concerns as we continue with our environmental cleanup project. Documents pertaining to work on the Site, including the results of prior site environmental assessments and a copy of the FS can be found on the Regional Water Board website at:

http://geotracker.swrcb.ca.gov/profile_report.asp?global_id=T10000000145

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Map of Parking Lot Area with Area of Work

