



## **Former Potrero Power Plant Progress Update - December 2011**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company has prepared the following update regarding the former Potrero Power Plant Property to help keep you informed of the progress that we are making on the environmental remediation effort. PG&E will be sending regular updates as we move through the environmental investigation and cleanup process at this site.

PG&E is working under the oversight of the Regional Water Quality Control Board and other regulators to investigate and clean up the site, which is located on Illinois Street along the City of San Francisco's southeast waterfront. We have achieved significant milestones in 2011 and are on schedule to continue our progress as we head into 2012.

PG&E is committed to working with the community during the investigation and cleanup. Along with regular updates, we will be organizing community meetings in 2012 to address any questions and incorporate community input final cleanup plans. We will send out invitations to the community in advance of these meetings to ensure that everyone gets an opportunity to participate.

### **Cleanup Status**

The site has been divided into seven work areas to allow cleanup work to proceed in those areas unimpeded by existing structures. Following is the current status of each area.

Northeast Area: This area includes the shoreline and the southern portion of Pier 70 owned by the Port of San Francisco. Several site investigations were conducted of the Pier 70 portion and results of the investigations were submitted to the Water Board in summer 2011. This month, we are conducting an additional investigation site investigation. In 2012, we anticipate having a draft Feasibility Study (FS) available for public review, which will outline various site cleanup options. PG&E will be hosting public meetings to provide additional information to the community and give the community the opportunity to provide feedback. In addition, the Water Board will hold a community meeting when the FS is available for public comment.

Hoe Down Yard: Soil investigations of the Hoe Down Yard found an area containing arsenic at levels above what would naturally be found in soil. A Screening Level Human Health Risk Evaluation was recently reviewed by the Water Board. The final Human Health Risk Evaluation was submitted to the Water Board in October 2011.

Switchyard and General Construction Yard: The Switchyard and General Construction Yard remain an integral part of San Francisco's electrical infrastructure. In order to prevent exposure to underlying soil containing residual pollutants, the site is currently covered by gravel, concrete or asphalt. A Land Use

Covenant and Deed Restriction that restricts the property to commercial and industrial uses has been approved by the Water Board and was submitted for recordation to the County office in October 2011.

Station A: Site investigations are complete and a Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) was submitted to the Water Board in January 2011. Comments from the Water Board were incorporated and the final HHRA was submitted to the Water Board in October 2011.

Tank Farm Area: This area includes three large above-ground fuel tanks formerly used to house fuel oil. Some soil and groundwater investigations have already been conducted in this area and additional investigations will take place once the tanks are removed. A cleanup plan will be developed upon completion of the site investigations.

Offshore Sediments: This area includes sediments in San Francisco Bay near the former power plant property. PG&E has conducted three phases of investigation in the area. The most recent data is in the process of being presented to the regulatory agencies.

Power Generation Facility: This area includes the recently shut down Unit 3 power plant and immediate surroundings. Some soil and groundwater investigations have already been conducted in this area and additional investigations will take place once the former plant structures are demolished. A cleanup plan will follow completion of these investigations.



We are adopting environmentally friendly work practices. To receive future updates by email instead of mail, please contact us at [potreroinfo@pge.com](mailto:potreroinfo@pge.com). For additional information, you can contact the Environmental Remediation Information and Response Line at 1-866-247-0581 or email Zeynep Ungun at [zxu1@pge.com](mailto:zxu1@pge.com). You may also contact Mark Johnson of the Water Board at (510) 622-2493 or [mjohnson@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:mjohnson@waterboards.ca.gov).