**TD-1464S FAQ**

**Standard and Training**

**Q:** Will there be tools and equipment training?

**A:** Yes, there is training associated with this document that reviews the safe and proper use of the hand tools. This training is posted on ISN.

**Q:** Will I need to be certified as a fire fighter?

**A:** No, there is no additional training required.

**Q:** When will I be required to meet these requirements?

**A:** These requirements are based on existing California Public Resource Code (PRC) requirements. The PRCs that drove this document are PRC 4427, PRC 4428, and PRC 4430.

**Q:** Why are these requirements being enforced?

**A:** These requirements are driven by California Public Resource Codes (PRCs), primarily the prohibited actions section. Please review PRC 4427, PRC 4428, and PRC 4430.

**Tools and Equipment**

**Q:** What is a sealed toolbox?

**A:** The sealed toolbox can be either a sealed compartment on a truck or a stand-alone lidded box containing the following equipment: shovels, 2 axes (Pulaski’s), 2 McLeod fire tools, 1 backpack-type fire extinguisher filled with water, and either a chain saw or crosscut saw. The box must be easily assessible at the jobsite so that the tools can be quickly accessible to suppress fire ignitions in a timely manner.

**Q:** I already have many of required tools on my “vehicles”. Why do I need it in a sealed tool box?

**A:** The sealed toolbox is required for large industrial jobs or vegetation management work being performed for all California residents and businesses, including utilities.

**Q:** Will PG&E be purchasing tools for the contract crews?

**A:** No, as the required tools are part of California state law, PG&E is not responsible for purchasing and outfitting contract crews with the required tools.

**Q:** If I am driving a personal vehicle to a jobsite, do I need to make sure that I have the required tools/equipment based on the vehicle type?

**A:** Yes, if you are going to a jobsite to perform work on behalf of PG&E, you must have the required equipment as noted below:

- **Passenger vehicle:** one fire extinguisher and one shovel
- **Truck/4WD (¾ ton or larger):** one shovel and one 5-gallon backpack pump
- **Heavy machinery:** one shovel or McLeod fire tool, one 5-gallon backpack pump and one fire extinguisher
Wildfire Situational Awareness

Q: Where can I sign up for the daily fire danger rating forecast?

A: You can sign up by filling out Attachment 3 on the document and sending it to WeatherDeptAdmins@pge.com

Work Practices

Q: What is the difference between a Working Fire Watch and a Dedicated Fire Watch?

A: A *Working Fire Watch* is a member of the crew who is required to know where all fire suppression tools are located, have heightened situational awareness regarding fire danger and mitigate possible ignitions (stopping work if needed) while also maintaining normal job duties.

A *Dedicated Fire Watch* is a member of the crew at the job site whose ONLY responsibility is to know where all fire suppression tools are located, maintain situational awareness on fire danger and be ready to mitigate possible ignitions.

Q: How do we deal with environmentally sensitive areas? (What if there an issue with the 10ft. clearance?)

A: There are other mitigations that can be taken if the 10 ft of vegetation clearance is not conducive to the environment in which you are working. You can use a welding blanket or welding tent or you can wet down the jobsite. Contact your local environmental specialist for expert consultation.

Q: How does one establish the 10 feet of vegetation clearance?

A: Use a McLeod Fire Tool, shovel or other type of tool capable of scraping to remove all vegetation down to mineral soil.

Q: What are the requirements for an estimator, field engineer or work and resource coordinator while traveling through and walking in these areas?

A: Estimators, field engineers, and resource coordinators must have the proper equipment available in their vehicles. The vehicle equipment requirements are noted below.

- Passenger vehicle: one fire extinguisher and one shovel
- Truck/4WD (¾ ton or larger): one shovel and one 5-gallon backpack pump
- Heavy machinery: one shovel or McLeod fire tool, one 5-gallon backpack pump and one fire extinguisher

It is also important to be extra vigilant while driving and parking in these areas to minimize risk of vehicle-initiated ignitions. The expectation is to park vehicles in a cleared area.
Q: Running trucks with a catalytic converter present higher risk. What guidelines are in place to deal with this reality?

A: When running any type of vehicle, especially in forest brush or grass covered lands, it is important to maintain full situational awareness and ensure that a passenger or the driver understands the potential risk of ignition and monitor closely when driving near brush or grass.

Q: Can multiple crews use the same water tender and sealed toolbox in the event that the jobsite is spread out (e.g. working up and down a circuit)?

A: Yes, however the sealed toolbox must be easily assessible to all crews working. The water tender must be within hose length of the at-risk work being performed.

Q: What are the water requirements in gallons? How does it impact the vehicle size or trailer requirements?

A: The minimum amount of required water is 120 gallons with 200 feet of hose, when required based on the fire danger rating. These tanks should fit on the back of crew pick-up trucks.

Miscellaneous

Q: How many days were spent in R4, R5, or R5-Plus Fire Danger?

A: There were a total of 152 days in 2018 where the Fire Danger in the Service Territory was R4 or greater.