



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

### **Focused Stabilization Capping Plan Available for Public Comment PG&E Former Monterey Manufactured Gas Plant Site 498 Del Monte Avenue Monterey, California**

**May 3, 2010 through June 2, 2010**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces a 30-day public comment period on a Focused Stabilization Capping Plan for the planter areas outside of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) former manufactured gas plant site (Site) located at 498 Del Monte Avenue in Monterey, California. The Site is currently used by PG&E as an active electrical substation that provides power to downtown Monterey.

Environmental investigations conducted over the past year have found gas manufacturing residues in soils located in the interior and exterior planter areas of the site. To prevent contact with soil in the exterior areas of the site, PG&E proposes to cover these areas with a concrete cap and aboveground landscaping. This capping plan is outlined in the Focused Stabilization Capping Plan. Soil within the active electrical substation will not be removed at this time since excavation in this area is not feasible or safe. Following completion of excavation activities, a report will be prepared in which capping activities are documented and a Certificate of Completion will be issued from DTSC.

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** To comply with CEQA, DTSC has evaluated the project to determine potential environmental impacts of the Focused Stabilization Capping Plan. DTSC has determined that the plan is exempt from CEQA and would have no significant impact to the environment or community. Therefore, DTSC intends to file a Notice of Exemption (NOE) with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse, when the Focused Stabilization Capping Plan is approved.

**Public Comment Period:** The public is invited to comment on the Focused Stabilization Capping Plan and CEQA NOE during the 30-day public comment period which runs from **May 3, 2010 to June 2, 2010**. All public comments will be carefully considered in making the final decision for the site. Written comments must be postmarked by June 2, 2010. Please mail your comments to Robert Aragon, Project Manager, DTSC, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94710, [or](#) email your comments to him no later than **June 2, 2010** by 5:00 p.m. at [raragon@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:raragon@dtsc.ca.gov)

**Information Repositories:** A copy of the Focused Stabilization Capping Plan, the CEQA NOE and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below:

Monterey Branch Library Reference Desk 625 Pacific Avenue Monterey, California 93940 (831) 646-3932	DTSC – File Room 700 Heinz Avenue Berkeley, CA 94710 (510) 540-3900 Please call for an appointment
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**For More Information:** For questions regarding the public participation process, please contact Christina Fu, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (866) 495-5651 or (714) 484-5488 or you can email her at [cfu@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:cfu@dtsc.ca.gov). For questions regarding the environmental investigation and Focused Stabilization Capping Plan, please contact Robert Aragon, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3904 or you can email him at [raragon@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:raragon@dtsc.ca.gov).

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