



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR
Draft Removal Action Workplan
Former Madera Manufactured Gas Plant Site
9th and South E Streets, Madera California**



February 7, 2011 to March 8, 2011

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces a 30-day public comment period on a draft Removal Action Workplan (draft RAW) prepared by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for a property located at 9th Street and South E Street in Madera, California. This property (the site) operated as a manufactured gas plant from 1913 to 1931 and is currently used by PG&E as a storage yard.

Environmental investigations found elevated concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPHs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and metals including lead and arsenic in site soils and soil gas mostly at depths of one to 10 feet. PG&E is proposing to excavate the contaminated soil from the project area to allow for unrestricted use, dispose of this soil at a permitted off-site facility, and backfill the excavation with clean soil. The selected remedy would allow continued use of the site as a storage yard, as well as provide long-term protection of human health and the environment should the future land use change.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project. The draft NOE states that the proposed cleanup will not have significant impacts on the environment.

Public Comment Period: The public is invited to comment on the draft RAW and CEQA NOE during the 30-day public comment period which runs from **February 7, 2011 to March 8, 2011**. All public comments will be carefully considered before DTSC makes the final decision for the site. Letter and email comments must be postmarked by **March 8, 2011**. Please mail your comments to Kevin Shaddy, DTSC Project Manager, 1515 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611-0522 or email your comments to kshaddy@dtsc.ca.gov.

Information Repositories: A copy of the draft RAW, the CEQA NOE and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below:

Madera County Main Library- Reference Desk
121 North G Street
Madera, California 93637
(559) 675-7871

DTSC - File Room
1515 Tollhouse Road
Clovis, CA 93611-0522
(559) 297-3901 Call for an appointment
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. M-F

All public documents provided by DTSC can be made available in an alternative format (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate, in accordance with state and federal law. Please contact Christina fu for assistance as noted in the *DTSC Contacts* section.

EnviroStor Database: Copies of key technical reports, fact sheets, and other site-related information are available online at DTSC's EnviroStor website:
<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov>.

DTSC Contacts for More Information:

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