

Work Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

PG&E Former Manufactured Gas Plants Marina District San Francisco, California

Work beginning the week of August 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017

Purpose of this Work Notice

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is sending this notice to tell you about ongoing work from August 2016 through January 2017 related to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) former Manufactured Gas Plants (MGPs) in San Francisco's Marina District (the Sites). DTSC oversees a PG&E program to investigate and clean up former MGP sites that the company owned or operated.

Similar to work PG&E has been conducting since November 2010, the upcoming fieldwork will include collecting soil and soil vapor (air in-between particles of soil) samples in the Marina District. The purpose of the sampling is to test soils for potential residue from operations of the former MGPs. These residues may include coal tar and spent coal or coke, and can include various chemical compounds including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Residues are generally black or dark gray and often have a mothball-like odor.

Work will take place on private properties where owners have voluntarily granted access and on public sidewalks and streets with approval from the City and County of San Francisco, within or next to the former MGP site boundaries shown on the enclosed map. This notice is being sent to you for informational purposes. Private property owners have already been contacted regarding their voluntary participation. Under current conditions, DTSC does not believe there is an immediate concern for human health associated with former MGP activities at the Sites. If you have questions regarding this work notice or if you are unsure if your property is within the survey area, please contact us (see page 2 for contact information).

Planned Work Activities

Sampling will occur on private properties and on public sidewalks and streets within or adjacent to the former MGP site boundaries shown on the enclosed map. For privacy reasons, the exact locations of the private properties are not shared in this notice. All work will take place between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Sampling work described above will involve workers using hand-held equipment, such as hand augers and probes, drilling equipment (including truck-mounted drill rigs) and using appropriate safety gear, such as safety goggles and safety vests. Small portions of sidewalks and parking spaces may be temporarily blocked off so that work may be conducted safely.

What Will You See?

- Workers using hand-held equipment will be locating underground utilities.
- Workers will be using hand-held augers and truck-mounted drilling equipment to collect soil samples from various depths.
- Soil vapor sampling probes will be installed 5 feet below the ground surface. The probes will be removed and borings will be backfilled when work is completed.

All samples will be sent to state certified laboratories for analysis, compiled into a report, and reviewed by DTSC.

Sampling activities are expected to occur between August 1 and January 31, 2017. The sampling activities covered by this work notice are described in workplans which have been approved by DTSC. If any additional work not covered by this work notice is planned during this time, an additional work notice may be mailed.

Site History

MGPs were located in cities and towns across the country to produce gas for lighting, heating and cooking from the mid 1800s through the early 1900s. Beginning in 1883, the Fillmore MGP operated near the area west of Fillmore and Bay streets. Beginning in 1891, the North Beach MGP operated near the area north of Bay and Buchanan streets (see enclosed Map). PG&E was formed in October 1905, and operated the gas plants for six months until April 1906, when they were severely damaged in the 1906 Earthquake and ceased operations. Based on historical records, it is believed that the majority of the former MGP structures were demolished as part of the construction of the 1915 Pan Pacific International Exposition. At the conclusion of the Exposition, the majority of the wooden structures were demolished. Some of the materials from the Exposition were salvaged but much of the leftover materials were reportedly burned.

How Can I Find Out More?

This notice is being sent to you for informational purposes. A complete record of the Sites, including the workplans mentioned above, can be found at the following locations:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, California 94710
(510) 540-3800 (Call for appointment)

San Francisco Public Library—Marina Branch
1890 Chestnut Street (near Webster)
San Francisco, California 94123
(415) 355-2823

Information about the Sites can be found online at www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public. Click on “Site / Facility Search” on the left, type “San Francisco” in the City field, and click on “Get Report.” Find “PG&E Former North Beach Manufactured Gas Plant” or “PG&E Former Fillmore Manufactured Gas Plant” (on page 3) and click on “Report.”

If you also would like DTSC to notify you via email when new EnviroStor documents (i.e., workplans, reports, etc.) are available online for these sites, please sign up to receive email alerts on the EnviroStor report page.

DTSC Contact Information

For project information: Charles (Chip) Gribble, (510) 540-3773 or Charles.Gribble@dtsc.ca.gov.

For public outreach information: Asha Setty, Public Participation Specialist, (510) 540-3910, toll free at (866) 495-5651 or Asha.Setty@dtsc.ca.gov.

For media inquiries: Sandy Nax, Public Information Officer, (916) 327-6114 or Sandy.nax@dtsc.ca.gov.

Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jacinto Soto, Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (510) 540-3842.

如閣下對此清理計劃有疑問，請致電 DTSC 職員 Henry Wong 黃先生，(510) 540-3770。

PG&E Former Manufactured Gas Plants (MGPs) Site Location Map

