

# 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 North Beach Manufactured Gas Plant Marina District, San Francisco

**Fieldwork beginning the week of July 11, 2016 through November 30, 2016**

### Purpose of this Work Notice

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is sending this notice to inform you about work to be done from the week of July 11, 2016 through November 30, 2016 related to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) former North Beach Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) in San Francisco's Marina District (Site). DTSC oversees a PG&E voluntary program to investigate and, where necessary, clean up former MGP sites that the company historically owned or operated.

This work will include the cleanup of MGP residues in soil from the former Chevron gas station property at the corner of Bay Street and Buchanan Street. Under current conditions, exposure to these residues is prevented by the existing pavement and parking areas. To protect human health and the environment, soil will be removed to approximately 18 feet below ground surface. Upon completion of the cleanup work, a developer will begin construction of a multi-family building. The owners of the property have voluntarily granted access to conduct the cleanup work.

### Planned Work Activities

This cleanup involves one private property within the former North Beach MGP site boundaries shown on the enclosed Site Location Map. The work will be similar to typical construction activities. Workers wearing appropriate safety gear, such as hard hats, safety glasses and safety vests will be installing shoring and excavating soil using mechanical equipment, such as excavators. The sidewalk and parking lane in front of the property along portions of Bay Street and Buchanan Street will be closed and foot traffic will be redirected. There may be partial or total lane closures so that work may be conducted safely.

These cleanup activities will be overseen by DTSC and done according to the San Francisco Noise Control Ordinance with dust control, air monitoring, soils management practices, and a health and safety plan protecting workers, neighbors and the environment.

This work is expected to occur between **the week of July 11, 2016 and November 30, 2016, and will take place between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.** during weekdays. Some work may be done on Saturdays, if needed. Excavation activities are not expected to begin until early August.

## What Will You See?

- Traffic/pedestrian control will occur in front of the property.
- Air monitoring stations will be operating around the property.
- A jackhammer or concrete saw will be used to break existing concrete, as needed.
- Soil will be excavated and directly loaded into trucks by excavators.
- Odor and dust control will occur using engineering methods (e.g., water for dust suppression, vapor suppressant mixture to control odors and plastic sheeting/ tarps to contain odors).
- During soil loading, the sidewalk will be closed and a temporary fence erected around the loading zone.
- There will be periods of increased truck traffic (up to 20 truckloads of soil are expected to be removed per day).

## 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 1891, the North Beach MGP operated near the area north of Bay and Buchanan streets (see enclosed Site Location Map). PG&E was formed in October 1905, and operated the gas plant for six months until April 1906, when it was 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 Site can be found at the following locations:

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

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

Information about the Site can be found online at [www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public](http://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” (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.

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# PG&E Former North Beach Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site Location Map and Proposed Work Location

