



A draft Removal Action Work Plan for an Interim Remedial Measure for the Pacific Gas & Electric, Fresno-1 Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site is Available for Public Review and Comment

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is accepting public comments on the draft Removal Action Work Plan for an Interim Remedial Measure (RAW/IRM) for the Pacific Gas & Electric, Fresno-1 Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site (Site) from:

October 2 through November 2, 2006

Starting October, 2006 Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), under the oversight of DTSC, will implement the activities outlined in the RAW/IRM at the PG&E site located at 211 North Thorne Avenue, Fresno. Even though PG&E is conducting environmental investigations at the entire 12.8-acre site, this public notice will only focus on activities being done on 3 acres (referred to as the Site) in the northern section. Environmental sampling at the Site shows that lampblack, a by-product of manufactured gas plant operations, is present in surface soils. Lampblack contains polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Prolonged exposure to PAHs may cause negative human health effects. A fence around the Site keeps people from making contact with the contaminated soil.

The RAW/IRM must meet the requirements of a California state law known as the California Environmental Quality Act (commonly referred to as CEQA). CEQA is important because it determines what impacts, if any, the actions will have on the environment. DTSC determined that the project meets the definition of a categorical exemption from CEQA (Title 14 California Code of Regulations, Section 15330 of the CEQA Guidelines). Because of this determination, DTSC filed a Notice of Exemption. A Notice of Exemption states that the project will not have a negative impact on the environment.

The RAW/IRM and Notice of Exemption are available at:

Fresno County Library – Main Branch,
2420 Mariposa Street
Fresno, CA 93721
(209) 488-3195

The entire Administrative Record, including a copy of the RAW/IRM, and Notice of Exemption, and other project related documents are available at:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630-4732

Comments must be submitted to:

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All comments must be submitted no later than November 2, 2006.