



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
TOPOCK, CALIFORNIA**

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The public is invited to review and comment on an Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration (Neg Dec) prepared by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). These documents contain an analysis of potential impacts related to a proposed in-situ hexavalent chromium reduction pilot test, proposed aquifer testing and maintenance at three groundwater wells, and the decommissioning of a fourth well to be conducted within an area near the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) Topock Compressor Station. PG&E submitted workplans for the proposed activities to DTSC for approval pursuant to Chapter 6.5 of the Health and Safety Code. The purpose of the pilot test will be to evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of using an in-situ technology to reduce hexavalent chromium in groundwater to less toxic and less mobile trivalent chromium directly within the subsurface. In addition, the proposed aquifer tests will provide additional information on potential contaminant migration. The results of the pilot study and testing activities will be used by PG&E in a future comparative evaluation of possible final remedies and their associated environmental impacts.

The Draft Negative Declaration is DTSC's proposed determination based on the findings of the Initial Study that the pilot test, the proposed testing and maintenance of three groundwater wells, and the decommissioning of a fourth well will not significantly affect human health and the environment.

Comments on the Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration must be postmarked, faxed or emailed to DTSC no later than March 9, 2007. Please send your comments to:

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WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

The Initial Study, Draft Negative Declaration, and other project documents are available at the following locations:

Needles Public Library
1111 Bailey Avenue
Needles, CA 92363

Colorado River Indian Tribes Library
2nd Avenue and Mohave Road
Parker, AZ 85344

Golden Shores/Topock Library
13136 Golden Shores Parkway
Topock, AZ 86436

Parker Library
1001 Navajo Avenue
Parker, AZ 85344

Chemehuevi Indian Reservation
Environmental Protection Office
2000 Chemehuevi Trail
Havasu Lake, CA 92363

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Lake Havasu City Library
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INFORMATION FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

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