



# WORK NOTICE

**PG&E Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site  
Vicinity of F, G and Mariposa Streets  
Fresno, California  
April 2011**



## **Site Investigation Work Scheduled for April 4 – May 13, 2011**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is distributing this notice to inform the community about upcoming work that will be performed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) as part of an environmental site investigation in the vicinity of F, G and Mariposa Streets in Fresno. DTSC is the state regulatory agency that oversees and approves the investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites.

From 1881 until 1919, a manufactured gas plant (MGP) operated on several properties located on Mariposa Street between F and G Streets. The MGP provided gas for the lighting, heating, and cooking needs of the local community. In 1919, when natural gas became available in the area, the MGP was shut down and partially dismantled. PG&E acquired the MGP in 1905 and operated it until 1918. Over the years, the properties associated with the MGP have been sold and redeveloped. The properties currently operate as an auto sales facility and hotel with areas for parking.

PG&E contractors, under the oversight of DTSC, will conduct investigations to determine if any MGP residues remain in the soil in the area where it once operated. To do this, field workers will collect small samples of soil and soil gas (the air spaces between particles of soil.) All work will be coordinated closely with the City of Fresno and people that live and work in the area.

**Planned Work:** The first phase of investigation will take place from **April 4** through **May 13, 2011** between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. All work will be done according to a site-specific Health and Safety Plan. An environmental site manager will be on-site daily to monitor the work and site conditions. Work for the site includes:

- Temporarily blocking off areas where the investigations and sampling activities are being conducted.
- Conducting a survey using portable equipment across the site to identify underground piping and other features.
- Drilling approximately 30 bore holes through concrete and asphalt paving using hand equipment and a truck-mounted drill rig (including a support truck).
- Collecting multiple soil and soil gas samples from depths of 1 to 15 feet.
- Placing samples in glass jars and cataloging them for laboratory testing.
- Backfilling bore holes and conducting general site cleanup.

Once the samples are analyzed, PG&E's contractors may return to the site two or three more times to collect additional samples. Sample results will be used to define the extent of MGP residues and design a plan to cleanup the soil, if necessary.

**For More Information:** If you have questions about this project please call:

- Jeff Gymer, DTSC Project Manager, at (559) 297-3907 or by email: [jgymer@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jgymer@dtsc.ca.gov)
- Christina Fu, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5488 or (866) 495-5651 (Press 4 twice) or by email: [cfu@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:cfu@dtsc.ca.gov). TTY/TDD Speech-to-Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

### **Where to Find Project Documents**

DTSC encourages you to review the initial site investigation work plan and other site-related documents which are available at the information repositories listed below:

Fresno County Free Library  
2420 Mariposa Street  
Fresno, CA 93721  
(559) 488-3195

Department of Toxic Substances  
Control - File Room  
1515 Tollhouse Road  
Clovis, CA 93611  
(559) 297-3901

To find information on the web,  
please visit the following site:  
[www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov)

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All documents made available to the public by DTSC can be made available in alternate formats (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate, in accordance with State and Federal law. Please contact Christina Fu, as noted above, for assistance.