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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Draft Remedial Action Plan PG&E St. Helena Former MGP Site St. Helena, California

December 6, 2006 through January 24, 2007

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces a 50-day public comment period on the Draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Pacific Gas & Electric Company's (PG&E) St. Helena former manufactured gas plant (MGP) Site. The Site is located at 1301 Mitchell Drive in St. Helena, California. A manufactured gas plant and electric substation were historically operated at the Site, and these past operations contaminated soil and groundwater.

A recent investigation found that the soil and groundwater at the Site is contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, volatile organic compounds, total petroleum hydrocarbons, arsenic, and lead. Proposed remediation activities include soil excavation, dual-phase (soil vapor and groundwater) extraction and treatment, capping of contaminated soil, and land use covenants to restrict future property use. Groundwater and surface water will be monitored periodically to ensure effectiveness of the remediation. The Draft RAP proposes that contaminated soil and groundwater will be cleaned up to facilitate future commercial land use.

DTSC has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial Study analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the proposed cleanup. The proposed Negative Declaration states that the cleanup for the Site will not have significant environmental impacts. The Draft RAP, CEQA Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration, and other site-related documents are available at the information repositories listed below:

St. Helena Public Library
1492 Library Lane
St. Helena, California
(707) 963-5244

Department of Toxic Substances Control - File Room
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, California
(510) 540-3800

Please call for an appointment to review the full administrative record for the Site

The public is invited to comment on the Draft RAP, Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration during the public comment period which runs from **December 6, 2006 through January 24, 2007**. A public meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 10, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Vintage Hall Board Room, St. Helena High School, 4645 Main

Street, St. Helena, California, to discuss the proposed cleanup plan and receive public comments.

All written comments must be postmarked no later than January 24, 2007, and should be sent to the attention of Eileen Belding, DTSC Project Manager, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710. Comments submitted electronically should be sent to Ms. Belding at ebelding@dtsc.ca.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2007. At the close of the public comment period, DTSC will carefully consider all comments received before making a final decision.

For more information about the Site and related documents, please contact Eileen Belding, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3844 or e-mail her at ebelding@dtsc.ca.gov. For questions regarding the public participation process or the public meeting, please contact Nancy Cook, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (510) 540-3923 or e-mail her at ncook@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries, please contact Angela Blanchette at (510) 540-3732 or e-mail her at ablanche@dtsc.ca.gov.