



# WORK NOTICE



Former Manufactured Gas Plant  
211 North Thorne Avenue  
Fresno, California  
October 2010

## Field Work Scheduled from October – December, 2010

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is distributing this notice to inform the community about upcoming field work at Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&E) Gas Load Center located at 211 North Thorne Avenue in Fresno, California. From 1918 to 1929, a manufactured gas plant operated on the site. Previously, PG&E’s contractors collected soil, soil gas, and groundwater samples at the site. These samples show that residues from past gas manufacturing operations are present in some areas of the site. PG&E contractors, under the oversight of DTSC, will be conducting some additional field work this fall to help in the development of a plan to clean up contamination from historic gas making activities.

Work will take place from beginning the week of October 25<sup>th</sup> and continue through mid- December. All work will be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and includes the following:

Activity	What You Can Expect to See
Utility survey of northern, central and southern site sections and adjacent off-site areas to locate underground utilities and features	Workers and trucks using instruments and utility survey equipment
Soil and soil gas sampling at certain portions of the on-site and adjacent off-site areas to gather additional data	Drill rigs, a backhoe and loader, and trucks will be brought on-site and to adjacent off-site areas to dig shallow trenches, drill borings and collect soil samples
Crushed rock may be placed on portions of southern parcel to improve drainage and prevent soil erosion	Trucks and grading equipment will place crushed rock
Weed abatement and re-application of polymer stabilizer over northern section to prevent soil erosion and for dust control	Trucks, water trucks, and spray equipment will be brought onsite. Weeds will be removed , herbicides will be applied and a soil stabilizer will be sprayed

All work will be conducted in accordance with a site Health and Safety Plan and an environmental project manager will be on-site to monitor field activities. Gas lines in the area have been indentified and precautions will be taken by on-site workers to ensure that gas lines are not disturbed during field activities. The majority of work will take place within the fenced areas of the site, with some work planned for properties located adjacent to the site and in the streets right of way. During the street drilling activities, pedestrian traffic and on-street parking will be detoured to the opposite side of the street and traffic control measures will be used.

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

- Kevin Shaddy, DTSC Project Manager, at (559) 297-3929 or by email: [kshaddy@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:kshaddy@dtsc.ca.gov).
- Mona Bontty, DTSC Public Participation Supervisor, at (714) 816-1978 or toll free at (866) 495- 5651 (Press 5 for MGP projects and press 1) or by email: [mbontty@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:mbontty@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 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) 488-1457

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 provided in alternate format (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language as appropriate, in accordance with State and Federal law. Please contact Mona Bontty noted above for assistance.