



PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
Topock, California**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
From OCTOBER 19, 2005 to NOVEMBER 18, 2005**

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 an In-Situ Hexavalent Chromium Reduction Pilot Test Workplan submitted to DTSC for its approval pursuant to Chapter 6.5 of the Health & Safety Code by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The purpose of this pilot test will be to evaluate the feasibility and effectiveness of various in-situ technologies in reducing hexavalent chromium (CrVI) to trivalent chromium (CrIII) in groundwater in the Colorado River floodplain of the Topock site. The goal of this Pilot Study is to determine if CrVI can be reduced to CrIII thereby making it less mobile in groundwater which in turn may reduce the overall total chromium in groundwater. The results of this test will be used in a comparative evaluation of final remedies and associated environmental impacts to be proposed by PG&E in a future corrective measures study.

The Draft Negative Declaration is DTSC's proposed determination that the in-situ pilot study will not significantly affect human health and the environment.

Comments on the Draft Negative Declaration must postmarked, faxed or emailed to DTSC no later than November 13, 2005 to:

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WHERE YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION:

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

Needles Public Library
1111 Bailey Avenue
Needles, CA 92363

Lake Havasu City Library
1770 McCulloch Boulevard
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

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

Parker Library
1001 Navajo Avenue
Parker, AZ 85344

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

Chemehuevi Indian Reservation
2000 Chemehuevi Trail
Havasus Lake, CA 92363

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INFORMATION FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED:

TDD users can obtain additional information by using the California Relay Service at (1-888-877-5378) to reach DTSC's Project Manager, Mr. Norman Shopay at 510-540-3943.