



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY,
TOPOCK COMPRESSOR STATION, NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 28, 2012 – January 14, 2013

Pursuant to §15082 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, this is to notify all interested parties that the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has submitted a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to the State Clearinghouse of the intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the soil investigation project at the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Topock Compressor Station (Station). The purpose of the NOP is to solicit input from agencies and the public on the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR.

DTSC is the lead State regulatory agency for the investigation and cleanup of the PG&E Station. The project area includes the Station and the immediate surrounding vicinity. The proposed project involves consideration of the *Soil Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation (RFI/RI) Work Plan* (Soil Work Plan) (September 2012) for adoption by DTSC. Adoption and implementation of the Soil Work Plan would enable further investigation and characterization of the nature and extent of chemicals of potential concern (COPC) that have been identified at the site during previous soil investigations.

Comments on the NOP must be postmarked, faxed or emailed to DTSC no later than 5:00 pm on January 14, 2013. Please send your comments to: Aaron Yue, Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630, fax: (714) 484-5411, or email: aaron.yue@dtsc.ca.gov. You can also provide your oral comments or in writing at any one of the public scoping meetings listed below.

SCOPING MEETINGS: DTSC will conduct three scoping meetings to provide the opportunity for the public to learn about the project and to share any concerns or comments they may have. The public may also submit comments during the 45-day NOP review period at the DTSC address shown above. The meetings will be held at the following locations and time.

Public Scoping Meetings			
City	Address	Date	Time
Golden Shores, AZ	Golden Shores Community Center 13136 Golden Shores Parkway Golden Shores, AZ 86436	Tues., Dec. 11, 2012	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Needles, CA	Needles High School Auditorium 1600 Washington Street Needles, CA 92363	Wed., Dec. 12, 2012	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Yuma, AZ	Gila Ridge High School Auditorium 7150 E. 24th Street Yuma, AZ 85365	Thurs., Dec. 13, 2012	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS: A copy of the NOP is available for review at the following locations:

Needles Branch Library 1111 Bailey Avenue Needles, CA 92363	Lake Havasu City Library 1770 McCulloch Blvd. Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403	California Department of Toxic Substances Control 5796 Corporate Avenue Cypress, CA 90630 Mon- Fri: 9am – Noon, 1pm – 4pm <i>Please call for an appointment at (714) 484-5337</i>
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Chemehuevi Indian Reservation Environmental Protection Office 2000 Chemehuevi Trail Havasu Lake, CA 92363	Colorado River Indian Tribes Library 2nd Avenue and Mojave Road Parker, AZ 85344	Also available on the internet at: http://www.dtsc-topock.com/
Golden Shores/Topock Library 13136 Golden Shores Parkway Topock, AZ 86436	Parker Public Library 1001 Navajo Avenue Parker, AZ 85344	

CONTACT: If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Aaron Yue, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5439 or email: aaron.yue@dtsc.ca.gov or Jacqueline Martinez, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (714) 484-5338, toll free at (866) 495-5651 or email: jacqueline.martinez@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries, please contact DTSC Chief of Media and Press Relations, Charlotte Fadipe, at (916) 323-3395 or email: charlotte.fadipe@dtsc.ca.gov.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABLED AND INFORMATION FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: The meeting rooms are accessible to people with disabilities. If translation services are needed or if additional accommodations for the disabled are needed, please notify Jacqueline Martinez at (714) 484-5338 or email to jacqueline.martinez@dtsc.ca.gov no later than one week before the meeting. TDD users can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378. Please ask to connect to Jacqueline Martinez at (714) 484-5338 regarding the Topock Site.