

**COUNTY CLERK NOTIFICATION OF THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT
PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

To: County Clerk
County of San Bernardino
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0130

From: Department of Toxic Substances Control
Southern California Cleanup Operations Branch
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630

This Notice is being sent to your office as required of the Department of Toxic Substances Control pursuant to California Public Resources Code (PRC) section 21092 and section 21092.3. As specified in PRC section 21092.3, notices for an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) must be posted in the office of the county clerk of each count in which the project will be located. Such notices for an EIR are required to remain posted for a period of 30 days. In addition, notices for a Negative Declaration are required to be posted for a period of 20 days, unless otherwise required by law to be posted for 30 days. The county clerk is required to post these notices within 24 hours of receipt.

TYPE OF DOCUMENT:

- Notice of Preparation
- Draft Environmental Impact Report
- Draft Negative Declaration

Project Name: PG&E TOPOCK COMPRESSOR STATION SITE –
In-Situ Hexavalent Chromium Reduction Pilot Test Work Plan

Site Address: Approximately 15 miles southeast of Needles, California

City: Unincorporated State: CA Zip Code: _____ County: San Bernardino

Project Description:

Pursuant to Chapter 6.5 of the Health & Safety Code, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is considering a request from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for approval of a Corrective Action Work Plan¹ that describes field activities for pilot tests to be conducted to evaluate in-situ technologies to reduce hexavalent chromium (CrVI) to trivalent chromium (CrIII) in groundwater in the Colorado River floodplain adjacent to the Topock site. The results of the pilot test would be used to:

- Evaluate the effectiveness and persistence of selected in-situ reductants under actual site conditions
- Provide additional information on site conditions necessary to determine the feasibility of in-situ reduction of the CrVI plume up-gradient of the current TW-2 pumping system
- Assist with the selection of preferred in situ reductant(s) for long-term site management

Any Significant Effects on the Environment:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) prepared an Initial Study pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Section 21000 et seq., California Public Resources Code) and implementing Guidelines (Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations). Based upon this analysis, DTSC has determined that the proposed project will not have a significant effect upon the environment.

Period During Which Comments on the Document Will Be Received:

October 19, 2005

Start Date

November 18, 2005

End Date

¹ MWH, *In-Situ Hexavalent Chromium Reduction Pilot Test Work Plan - Floodplain Reductive Zone Enhancement, August 2005*

Public Hearings on the Proposed Project:

None Scheduled

Date

Time

Place

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October 19, 2005
Date