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### **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT for the PG&E TOPOCK COMPRESSOR STATION FINAL GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION PROJECT**

**47-Day Public Comment Period: January 12, 2017 to February 27, 2017**

#### **WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED**

This Notice of Availability is to provide notification that the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is making available for review and comment a Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) for the Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) Topock Compressor Station (Station) Final Groundwater Remediation Project (SCH# 2008051003), which involves treatment of contaminated groundwater near Needles, California. DTSC is the lead agency responsible for oversight of the Final Groundwater Remedy under California Health & Safety Code, Chapter 6.5, and for preparation of the Draft SEIR under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. as implemented by the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq.).

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND**

The Station is located in eastern San Bernardino County about 12 miles southeast of the city of Needles, California, south of Interstate 40, and one-half mile west of the Colorado River (see **Figure A**). The Station compresses natural gas so it can be transported through pipelines to PG&E's customers in northern and central California. Past activities at the Station have resulted in the release of chemicals of potential concern (COPCs) into soil and groundwater including hexavalent chromium. Under certain exposure conditions, these COPCs are harmful to human health and the environment. This SEIR is tiered off a prior CEQA document, the Topock Compressor Station Groundwater Remediation Project Final Environmental Impact Report (Groundwater FEIR), which provided a programmatic and, in certain instances, a project-level analysis for the conceptual technical methods selected for the final remedy that would remediate contaminated groundwater in and around the Station. In certifying the Groundwater FEIR in 2011, DTSC adopted the preferred remedy, identified as Alternative E—In Situ Treatment with Freshwater Flushing.

*The Basis of Design Report/Final (100%) Design Submittal for the Final Groundwater Remedy, PG&E Topock Compressor Station, Needles, California, November (Final Remedy Design) was completed in 2015 after undergoing an extensive design review process. The Project analyzed in this SEIR focuses primarily on the modifications or changes since certification of the 2011 Groundwater FEIR that were identified through completion of the Final Remedy Design. This Draft SEIR was prepared for DTSC to consider adoption of the Final Remedy Design for the Final Groundwater Remedy Project.*

#### **GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65962.5 LISTINGS**

The Station is a listed hazardous waste site. There are no other active listed sites within at least 7.5 miles of the Project area. The Station's proximity to the nearest school is over a mile.

#### **ANY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

The Draft SEIR has determined that the proposed Project would result in significant impacts to aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, utilities and service systems and energy, and water supply. Mitigation measures to reduce these impacts are

described in the Draft SEIR. After mitigation measures are applied, significant unavoidable impacts would still remain for cultural resources and noise receptors as a result of Project implementation. Cumulative impacts for aesthetics, cultural resources, and noise receptors were also determined to be significant and unavoidable after implementation of mitigation measures.

#### **47-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TO SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT SEIR**

DTSC is accepting comments during a 47-day public comment period on the Draft SEIR from January 12, 2017 to February 27, 2017. All comments will be considered and responded to in the Final EIR.

#### **LOCATIONS OF OPEN HOUSES / PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE PROPOSED PROJECT**

##### **NEEDLES:**

January 31, 2017  
Needles Senior Center  
1699 Bailey Avenue  
Needles, CA 92363  
Open House: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Public Hearing: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

##### **GOLDEN SHORES:**

February 1, 2017  
Golden Shores Community Center  
13136 Golden Shores Parkway  
Golden Shores, AZ 86436  
Open House: 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Public Hearing: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### **LOCATIONS WHERE DOCUMENTS CAN BE REVIEWED**

A copy of the Draft SEIR is available for review at the project website ([www.dtsc-topock.com](http://www.dtsc-topock.com)) and the following locations:

Needles Public Library  
1111 Bailey Avenue  
Needles, CA 92363

Colorado River Indian Tribes Public Library  
26600 Mohave Road  
Parker, AZ 85344

Chemehuevi Indian Reservation Environmental  
Protection Office  
2000 Chemehuevi Trail  
Havasu Lake, CA 92363

Parker Public Library  
1001 Navajo Avenue  
Parker, AZ 85344

Golden Shores Community Library  
13136 South Golden Shores Parkway  
Topock, AZ 86436

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

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#### **PROJECT CONTACTS**

Comments may be submitted at public meetings, or mailed or emailed to:

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All public comments must be postmarked or received by DTSC no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2017, for consideration in the Final EIR.

***ACCOMMODATIONS FOR DISABLED AND INFORMATION FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED: The public meeting rooms are accessible to people with disabilities. If translation services are needed or if additional accommodations are needed, please notify Philip McPhaul at (714) 484-5488 or email to [Philip.McPhaul@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Philip.McPhaul@dtsc.ca.gov) no later than 10 working days before the meeting. TYY users may use the California Relay Service at 711 in state or 1-800-855-7100 outside California***

# FIGURE A. FINAL GROUNDWATER REMEDY PROJECT LOCATION

