
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

WAIVER OF REPORT OF WASTE DISCHARGE AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF DISCHARGE WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION, PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, R-837 PIPELINE RETIREMENT PROJECT, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

On 31 March 2017, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to obtain coverage under the *Waiver of Report of Waste Discharge and Waste Discharge Requirements for Specific Types of Discharge within the Central Valley Region, Order R5-2013-0145* (the Waiver). The submittal contains all the information required to evaluate the applicability of the Waiver; therefore, the NOI is considered complete and the discharge meets the conditions of the Waiver. The discharge is hereby covered under the Waiver Order R5-2013-0145-0069. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

PG&E is planning on decommissioning approximately 0.95 miles of natural gas pipeline located near the intersection of Sellers Avenue and East Cypress Road in Contra Costa County. The project and land application areas are located on parcel APN 032-081-016-1. The project is expected to begin in late April 2017 or early May 2017 and should take approximately one month to complete.

The project will involve excavating around the pipeline to be abandoned. The pipeline will be deactivated, cut, filled with inert gas, capped, and left in place. Groundwater is expected to be encountered in the excavations and generate approximately 20,000 gallons of groundwater per day. Dewatered groundwater will be stored in frac tanks, settled, and then discharged for use as dust control on the work areas identified on Attachment 1. The land application area will be used with the property owner's permission. Prior to discharge, visual and olfactory observations of groundwater will be made. If any unexpected conditions, such as sheen, discoloration or odors are detected, water will be segregated, sampled and handled appropriately, based on the results of the samples. Once cleared for discharge, the water will be applied to land using a water buffalo, water truck, sprinklers, or discharge pipe hose fitted with a filter sock, depending on the volume of water to be discharged. Discharges will be

contained within the land application areas which total approximately 48,000 square feet. Water will infiltrate within 24 to 48 hours and will not be allowed near any sensitive site features (water ways, drain inlets, drainage or irrigation canals, etc). Stormwater BMPs will be utilized as needed to prohibit migration of water off of land application areas if needed.

A review of Geotracker indicates that the nearest site with historical contamination is more than 500 feet to the southeast of the project and is not expected to impact the project.

The Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins, Fourth Edition, revised October 2011 (hereafter Basin Plan), designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, contains implementation plans and policies for protecting waters of the basin, and incorporates by reference plans and policies adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board. Pursuant to §13263(a) of the California Water Code (CWC), waste discharge requirements must implement the Basin Plan.

FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Please review the attached waiver documents and ensure that the discharge complies with the Conditions of Discharge contained in Attachment A. PG&E is responsible for compliance with the waiver and must provide sufficient contractor oversight to ensure compliance and prompt reporting of any noncompliance.

DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS

All monitoring reports and other correspondence should be converted to searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically. Documents that are less than 50 MB should be emailed to:

centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov.

To ensure that your submittal is routed to the appropriate staff person, the following information must be included in the body of the email or any documentation submitted to the mailing address for this office:

Facility Name: PG&E R-837 Pipeline Retirement Project, Contra Costa County		
Program: Non-15 Compliance	Order: R5-2013-0145-0069	CIWQS Place ID: 834269

Documents that are 50 MB or larger must be transferred to a CD, DVD, or flash drive and mailed to:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
ECM Mailroom
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Now that the NOA has been issued, the Board's Compliance and Enforcement section will take over management of your case. Guy Childs is your new point of contact for any questions about the Waiver. If you find it necessary to make a change to your permitted operations, Guy will direct you to the appropriate Permitting staff. You may contact Guy at (916) 464-4648 or at gchilds@waterboards.ca.gov.

*-- Original Signed by --
6 April 2017*

PAMELA C. CREEDON
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Waiver Order R5-2013-0145

cc w/o: Marilyn Underwood, Contra Costa County Environmental Resources
Department, Concord