

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

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WATER BOARD RESPONSE TO PG&E'S REQUESTED WHOLE HOUSE REPLACEMENT WATER PROGRAM MODIFICATION

Dear Ms. Bilbrey:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) requested changes to the current Whole House Replacement Water Program (WHRW Program) in a letter dated September 3, 2013. Subsequently, I received correspondence from two members of the public, Mr. Daron Banks and Ms. Theresa Schoffstall, on September 9, 2013, requesting that the one-mile buffer be drawn around all hexavalent chromium concentrations at 3.1 ppb and above, regardless of whether the detection is part of the larger contiguous plume or not, and that all detections of hexavalent chromium at 3.1 ppb and above be considered the responsibility of PG&E. Mr. Banks then modified his request to have all areas that are above 3.1 ppb for two quarters and that are outside of the continuous plume to be considered separate plumes, each with their own one mile buffer. (The referenced correspondence may be found on our website: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/projects/pge/index.shtml)

I received a number of public comments on the requests, and my staff and I are going through those now. There are many important issues to consider and I am attempting to provide a response in November. Until I make a decision, you do not have to notify residents that would be potentially eligible for the WHRW Program due to the expansion of the buffer. However, you must notify residents within the 2nd Quarter buffer that are newly eligible. When my decision is final, I expect full compliance with the requirements of any new order within the deadlines set forth therein, and if no change is made to the WHRW program, you would need to comply with the requirements of the existing order within the deadlines that are set within.



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