
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

December 12, 2012

*****NOTIFICATION*****

NOTICE OF TECHNICAL MEETING: PRELIMINARY DATA EVALUATION, MANGANESE AND ARSENIC IN DOMESTIC WELLS HINKLEY, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

Lahontan Water Board staff will be meeting with members of the Hinkley Community Advisory Committee, Project Navigator Ltd, PG&E staff and staff of the US Geological Survey to review data and information concerning manganese and arsenic in groundwater, including domestic wells in Hinkley.

Background

The Water Board has received complaints of black water and slime being observed in some Hinkley domestic wells. Laboratory analysis of well water shows high levels of manganese and other metals. Residents have expressed concern of health risks relating to such detections and whether they are related to remedial actions being implemented by PG&E in the area for chromium in groundwater.

In early November, Water Board staff sent a public notice requesting any data or information concerning metals in groundwater in the Hinkley area. The intent was to gather available information on the occurrences of metals in groundwater to help understand patterns of metals detections in domestic wells compared to metals detected in monitoring wells associated with PG&E's remediation activities. Water Board staff received data and information from various sources, including collecting water samples from domestic wells in Hinkley for metals analysis. These data will be compiled for plotting on large-format map to discuss at the technical meeting.

Meeting Information

When: December 20, 2012 at 4:30 pm

Where: Hinkley School, 37600 Hinkley Road

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting is to evaluate manganese and arsenic data patterns compared to remediation monitoring results. Data quality will be considered, and data gaps and new data collection will be discussed. The meeting is intended to be a small-group, working session rather than a public informational meeting. The public is invited to observe and listen to the discussion. Since it is a working session, the meeting **will not include a public forum**.

A public information meeting on the outcomes from this technical session will be held on January 15, 2013 from 4 to 6 pm at the Hinkley School.

Please contact Anne Holden with questions at (530) 542-5450.

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