

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

**WATER QUALITY ORDER 2003-0003-DWQ
STATEWIDE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND WITH
A LOW THREAT TO WATER QUALITY
PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY,
NATURAL GAS PIPELINE HYDROSTATIC TEST, PIPELINE SEGMENT T-1196
STANISLAUS COUNTY**

On 25 August 2016, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to obtain coverage under Water Quality Order 2003-0003-DWQ, *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land with a Low Threat to Water Quality* (hereafter General Order) for hydrostatic testing at the above-referenced site. The submittal contains all the information required to evaluate applicability of the General Order; therefore, the NOI is considered complete. Based on the information provided in the NOI, the discharge meets the conditions of the General Order. The discharge is hereby covered under State Water Resources Control Board General Order 2003-0003-DWQ-0153. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge.

PROJECT LOCATION

PG&E is planning on conducting a hydrostatic test on Pipeline Segment T-1196 in Stanislaus County near the intersection of Prune Avenue and Sycamore Avenue. The test is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2016 and take approximately 24 hours to complete.

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.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Pre-construction site visits and environmental reviews will be conducted to ensure the discharge will not cause pollution, contamination, or any nuisances. Source water for hydrotesting will be obtained from a municipal supply and will be stored in portable tanks and pumped to fill the pipeline segment. After testing, the water will be transferred to portable

storage tanks on a portion of PG&E's existing easement, filtered through particulate filters and activated carbon, and discharged to land. Hydrotest discharge water will be sampled and analyzed by a certified laboratory and verified to comply with provisions set forth in the subject General Waste Discharge Requirements prior to discharge.

Approximately 260,000 gallons are expected to be discharged upon completion of the test and used for irrigation. The discharge will occur on a 3.75 acre discharge area on a portion of APN 048-025-019 with permission from the land owner, Mr. Skip Parker. Discharged water will be contained on the land application area and be applied via sprinkler system, slotted pipe, or other methods to avoid ponding, runoff, or erosion. The discharge may take a few days depending on the infiltration rate.

FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

The General Order and this Notice of Applicability regulates the discharge of water to land from hydrostatic testing of Pipeline Segment T-1196 located in Stanislaus County near the intersection of Prune Avenue and Sycamore Avenue.

1. Water generated during hydrostatic testing shall be disposed of as described in the Notice of Intent and in accordance with the requirements contained in the General Order.
2. Discharge at a location or in a manner different from that described in the Notice of Intent or this Notice of Applicability is prohibited.
3. All technical reports required herein that involve evaluation, or other work requiring interpretation and proper application of engineering or geologic sciences, shall be prepared by or under the direction of persons registered to practice in California pursuant to California Business and Professions Code, section 6735, 7835, and 7835.1. As required by these laws, completed technical reports must bear the signature(s) and seal(s) of the registered professional(s) in a manner such that all work can be clearly attributed to the professional responsible for the work.
4. Analytical results shall be submitted on a semi-annual basis in accordance the General Order's Monitoring and Reporting Program. Monitoring reports are due August 15 and February 15.
5. The Discharger shall submit the required annual fee (as specified in the annual billing issued by the State Water Resources Control Board) until the Notice of Applicability is officially terminated.
6. Failure to abide by the conditions of the General Order, including its monitoring and reporting requirements, and this letter authorizing applicability could result in enforcement actions, as authorized by provisions of the California Water Code.

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 should be included in the body of the email or any documentation submitted to the mailing address for this office:

Facility Name: PG&E Hydrostatic Testing of Pipeline Segment T-1196, Stanislaus County		
Program: Non-15 Compliance	Order: R5-2003-0003-DWQ-0153	CIWQS Place ID: 828573

Documents that are 50 MB or larger should 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 Order. In addition, all monitoring and technical reports should be submitted to him. The enclosed transmittal sheet shall be included with each monitoring report. 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


PAMELA C. CREEDON
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Water Quality Order No. 2003-0003-DWQ
Monitoring Report Submittal Transmittal Form

cc: Bella Bedal, Stanislaus County Environmental Resources Department, Modesto
Skip Parker, discharge area property owner, Patterson