#### California Regional Water Quality Control Board Lahontan Region

#### **RESOLUTION NO. R6V-2007-0031**

# APPROVING THE INITIAL STUDY/CHECKLIST AND ADOPTING A SUBSEQUENT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE REVISED CENTRAL AREA IN-SITU REMEDIATION PILOT STUDY PROJECT

**FOR** 

PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY COMPRESSOR STATION 35863 Fairview Road Hinkley, California

San Bernardino County

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (hereinafter the Water Board) finds that:

- 1. California Water Code (CWC) Section 13260(a)(1) requires that any person discharging wastes, or proposing to discharge wastes other than into a community wastewater collection system, that could affect the quality of waters of the State shall file a report of waste discharge (ROWD) with the Regional Water Quality Control Board exercising jurisdiction in the area, and that Water Board shall then prescribe requirements for the discharge or proposed discharge of wastes.
- 2. The Lahontan Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) (Board Order No. R6V-2006-0023) at a public hearing on June 14, 2006, to allow the discharge of food-grade reagents (lactate, whey, and emulsified vegetable oil) to groundwater to remediate hexavalent chromium. The Order also allowed the discharge of potassium bromide to groundwater as a tracer.
- 3. Pacific Gas & Electric (hereinafter Discharger) has filed a ROWD and applied for Revised Waste Discharge Requirements to implement a pilot study for developing a strategy for long-term groundwater remediation. The proposed revisions to the pilot study are the following: (1) adding dye tracers, fluoroscein and eosine, to evaluate groundwater flow conditions; (2) including well rehabilitation compounds (acetic acid, citric acid, hydrochloric acid, hydrogen peroxide, and sodium peroxide); (3) adding ethanol as a reagent for in-situ remediation; (4) expanding the project area by 600 feet and extend out the location of monitoring and contingency wells; and (5) revising concentration limits for hexavalent and total chromium.

- 4. The Discharger owns the Compressor Station located at 35863 Fairview Road in Hinkley, California (site). The facility is used to transport natural gas along pipelines to further destinations. The Discharger also owns land north of the compressor station, including where Frontier Road and Fairview Road intersect and overlying the groundwater plume containing chromium. The revised field-scale pilot study will take place at this latter location (Assessor Parcel Numbers 0494-251-15, 0494-251-03, and 0494-261-59).
- 5. Soil and groundwater beneath the site is contaminated with hexavalent chromium from untreated cooling tower water discharged to unlined ponds from 1952 to 1964. This contamination has created a plume of chromium in groundwater extending about two miles to the north of the compressor station and about 1.2 miles wide. Detectable chromium concentrations in the plume exceed the California Maximum Contaminant Level for drinking water of 50 micrograms per liter.
- 6. The site is subject to various Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board orders, including the Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) No. 6-01-50. The Discharger is required to conduct cleanup of chromium in groundwater in a manner that does not threaten to create nuisance conditions.
- 7. Under the ROWD described in finding number 3 above, and in the documents referenced in finding number 10 below, in order to partially comply with the orders described in finding number 6 above, the Discharger proposes revisions to remediation activities to reduce contamination in the groundwater plume. At the pilot study area, ethanol injections will create a localized reducing condition in groundwater. The reagent solution will facilitate bioremediation by reducing hexavalent chromium to trivalent chromium. Fluorescent dyes will be used to assess groundwater flow conditions and optimize in-situ activities. Well rehabilitation compounds will be injected to keep well screens free of biofouling and insure sufficient flow of reagent solutions. Groundwater quality monitoring will evaluate the affects of the bioremediation process within the treatment area and verify that off-site beneficial uses are not adversely affected by discharges or byproducts.
- 8. Groundwater quality within the pilot study area will be monitored through a Monitoring and Reporting Program Order No. R6V-2007-0032. In addition, groundwater quality across the site and off-site areas will continue to be monitored by a comprehensive groundwater monitoring well network on a bimonthly and quarterly basis depending on well locations.
- 9. The direction of groundwater flow is to the north-northwest in the proposed field-scale pilot study area. The Discharger shall monitor the presence and concentration of injected reagent (ethanol), tracers (fluoroscein and eosine), well rehabilitation compounds, potential byproducts, evaluate flow conditions,

- and any potential for movement of contaminants outside the remediation area. As specified in the Revised Waste Discharge Requirements and the Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration, the Discharger will initiate a contingency plan, if necessary, if contaminants or the injected solutions or byproducts migrate to the contingency area at trigger concentrations.
- 10. The injection of tracers (fluoroscein and eosine), well rehabilitation compounds (acetic, citric, hydrochloric, hydrogen peroxide, and sodium peroxide), and ethanol in the soil and groundwater is a discharge of waste subject to Section 13260 of the CWC. However, the discharges are intended to enhance remediation of hexavalent chromium-contaminated groundwater. This approach is anticipated to reduce cleanup time and costs compared to traditional cleanup remedies without affecting public health and safety.
- 11. The Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Lahontan Region designates the beneficial uses of the groundwater of the Middle Mojave River Valley Groundwater Basin as municipal and domestic supply, industrial service supply, agricultural supply, freshwater replenishment, and aquaculture.
- 12. The permitted discharges are consistent with the anti-degradation provisions of State Water Resources Control Board Resolution No. 68-16 (Anti-degradation Policy). The discharge may result in some localize mobilization of metals that will be monitored to verify natural attenuation. Fluoroscein, eosine, well rehabilitation compounds (acetic, citric, hydrochloric, hydrogen peroxide, and sodium peroxide), and ethanol will dilute and degrade to non-regulated products and should have no long-term affect upon beneficial uses. The discharges are intended, and are anticipated, to produce an improvement to groundwater quality by reducing hexavalent chromium and, thereby, total chromium concentrations.
- 13. The Water Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to prescribe Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for these discharges and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations. The Water Board, in a public meeting on November 28, 2007, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharges and to the tentative requirements.
- 14. The Water Board has assumed lead agency role for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and has prepared an Initial Study/Checklist in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15063, titled Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act. Based on the Initial Study/Checklist, Water Board staff prepared a Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration indicating that the project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

- 15. Copies of the Initial Study/Checklist and proposed Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration were transmitted to the State Clearinghouse, all agencies and interested parties. An October 10, 2007 letter from the State Clearinghouse provides comments concerning the project during the comment period.
- 16. The Water Board has reviewed the Initial Study/Checklist and Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration concerning this Resolution prepared by staff, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.). The Water Board concurs with the staff findings that a Negative Declaration should be adopted. The Initial Study/Checklist and Negative Declaration were circulated for public review and comment. All comments were adequately addressed by the Water Board.
- 17. The Water Board considered all testimony and evidence at a public hearing held on November 28, 2007, at Barstow, California, and good cause was found to approve the Initial Study/Checklist and proposed Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration. After consideration of the written and oral comments, and staff's professional review and advice, the Water Board finds that there is no evidence in the record to support a fair argument that there may be adverse environmental impacts resulting from the proposed discharge.

#### THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Water Board:

- Certifies the Initial Study/Checklist, and proposed Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration and directs the Executive Officer to file a Notice of Determination with the Office of Planning and Research.
- 2. Directs that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the State Water Resources Control Board and all interested parties.
- 3. Directs that discharges of fluoroscein, eosine, well rehabilitation compounds (acetic, citric, hydrochloric, hydrogen peroxide, and sodium hydroxide), and ethanol into soil and groundwater shall conform with all requirements, conditions, and provisions set forth in A. Discharge Prohibitions and B. Discharge Specifications of the Order No. R6V-2007-0032. Groundwater and air monitoring shall conform to Monitoring and Reporting Program No. R6V-2007-0032.
- 4. The Executive Officer is authorized to pay the California Department of Fish and Game filing fee (as required by Fish and Game Code 711.4) and submit payment to the Resources Agency with the Notice of Determination.

#### Certification

I, Harold J. Singer, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region, on November 28, 2007.

HAROLD J. SINGER EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### REVISED CENTRAL AREA IN-SITU REMEDIATION PILOT STUDY PROJECT MITIGATION MEASURES

Mitigation measures are incorporated into the project as follows:

Aesthetics-- Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated.

- Project construction must not be conducted closer than 700 feet to the closest residence from the project boundaries.
- Structures shall not exceed 12 feet in height.
- · Security lighting will be directed away from nearby residences.

Air Quality--Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated.

Project construction activities may temporarily contribute to the existing PM10 air quality issue in the region during constriction activities.

- During construction activities, the applicant shall comply with all applicable rules and requirements of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD), including Rule 403.2 to mitigate the impact of dust and PM10 emission.
- Vehicle speeds on dirt roads shall not exceed 25 miles per hour.
- Dirt roads will be sprayed with water to minimize dust generation.
- All construction vehicles and equipment will be checked periodically to ensure that they are in proper working condition and that there is no potential for fugitive emissions of oil or other hazardous products.

After construction activities are completed, the normal operation of the project may contribute to existing air quality issues.

- Ethanol storage shall be in accordance to permit conditions set by the MDAQMD and the California Air Resources Board (CARB).
- The project has the potential for producing odors. An air monitoring program will evaluate whether odors levels are detected outside the pilot study boundaries. If high levels of nuisance air constituents are detected, a contingency plan to scale back or shut down injections will be implemented.
- Personnel shall maintain a record of air monitoring results in the field log and note when mitigation measures are implemented.

Biological Resources – Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation.

Prior to commencement of construction activities, the following avoidance measures will be implemented to ensure no impacts result.

- Environmental awareness training for all construction personnel in identifying sensitive biological resources will be provided, using PG&E's current training program. Workers will be required to report the occurrence of any special-status species observed on the project site to the project biologist, who would then implement species protection measures. Measures identified within the PG&E biological opinion, such as temporary fencing and avoidance of burrows, will be implemented for the desert tortoise.
- To the maximum extent practicable, the selected well locations will be restricted to barren areas, such as access roads, that have been disturbed previously and cleared for use by the biologist.
- All construction activity within 200 feet of active nesting areas will be prohibited until the nesting pair/young have vacated the nests.
- All vehicle traffic will adhere to a speed limit of 25 miles per hour during construction and maintenance to ensure avoidance of impacts to sensitive biological resources on access roads.
- Intentional killing or collection of either plant or wildlife at construction sites and surrounding areas will be prohibited.
- Personnel shall note in the field log when sensitive biological resources are observed and when mitigation measures are implemented.

Hazards and Hazardous Material--Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation.

- 1. Ethanol, being a flammable liquid, is a hazardous material requiring special transportation, storage and handling. Well rehabilitation compounds (acetic acid, citric acid, hydrogen peroxide, sodium peroxide, and hydrochloric acid) to be used on site at United States Pharmacopeia (USP) grade will also require special transportation, storage and handling. The following safety features will be implemented before and during the project to prevent exposure to the public of potential hazards:
  - Necessary permits will be obtained from the San Bernardino County Fire Depart and Health Department prior to chemical use at site.
  - Trucks delivering flammable liquids (ethanol), acids, and oxidizers will comply with applicable federal, state, and local statutes and regulations.
  - Spill control and secondary containment will be provided for the ethanol storage tank and the tank vehicle offloading area.
  - The ethanol storage tank will be double walled and have required venting controls.

- o All underground piping will be double walled.
- Signage will be posted next to the storage tank to indicate the potential fire hazards.
- Personnel involved in the transportation, delivery and handling of the materials will take proper safety precautions, based upon recommendations contained in the Material Safety Data Sheets for the materials. Personnel will also protect themselves with protective equipment according to the site Health and Safety manual.
- Adequate fire suppressant equipment must be maintained at the site at all times.
- Well rehabilitation chemicals (acids and oxidizers) will not be stored in bulk at the site.
- Adequate communication equipment must always be present onsite to report potential fires or other emergencies to authorities.
- The site manager will be responsible for maintaining a site log involving the transportation, storage, and handling of chemicals on site. All spills or releases will be logged and reported to the appropriate overseeing agency issuing use permits. Corrective action taken will also be recorded.
- 2. The tracers, fluorescein and eosin, are dyes and do not require special transportation, handling or storage.

**Hydrology and Water Quality--**Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation.

- Management methods will be used to mitigate any potential adverse
  effects from in-situ injection of reagents. Reagents will be added to the
  aquifer at the proposed balanced-injection rates to minimize the
  likelihood of creating conditions that could produce gases and odors.
   Spills exceeding 5 gallons onto ground surface shall be noted in the field
  log along with implemented mitigation measures.
- Project implementation will include monitoring groundwater and air for biological indicators to demonstrate that Cr(VI) is being effectively reduced and whether potential byproducts, such as gases and mobilized metals/metalloids, are generated. If gases are generated, the applicant will comply with mitigation measures described in the Air Quality section above. The proponent will record water quality results and notify the Water Board within five working days if violations of water quality standards are detected.
- In the event that reduced metals, other than chromium, are detected at trigger concentrations in waste discharge requirements in groundwater at the second row of sentry monitoring locations, located 800 feet from the injection wells, the Discharger will notify the Water Board within 5

days and consult with the Water Board staff concerning the results. If the Discharger cannot make a case to indicate the unlikely potential for constituent migration beyond the pilot test boundaries, the Discharger must implement the Contingency Plan. In the latter case, injections must be scaled back or halted within 5 days of consulting with Water Board staff. Within 14 days of consulting with Water Board staff, the Discharger must begin the process of implementing air sparging or another equally effective remediation method for the constituent exceeding the water quality standard. The chosen remediation method must be in operation within 120 days of consultation with Water Board staff. The chosen remediation method must restore the aquifer to prepilot study conditions and restore water quality to levels listed in waste discharge requirements, preventing migration outside the pilot study boundaries.

- In the event that reagents, tracers, well rehabilitation compounds, and/or byproducts are detected at trigger concentrations in contingency monitoring wells, located on the test cell boundaries, the applicant will notify the Water Board within five working days. Within 14 days of notification, the applicant will submit a proposal to the Water Board to prevent such migration outside the pilot study boundaries. The proposal shall contain a monitoring plan to adequately monitor groundwater outside the pilot study boundaries downgradient of the area where violations were observed.
- Contingency Plan implementation shall prevent contaminant migration from the downgradient boundary of the study area and to restore water quality to levels listed in the waste discharge requirements.
   Implemented mitigation measures and associated activities shall be recorded in the field log.

Noise--Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation.

- The project will be conducted in accordance with the County of San Bernardino's General Plan Noise Element standard for residential development. If violations occur, personnel will note in the field log when appropriate mitigation measures are implemented to reduce noise.
- Well installation and construction will be conducted during normal daytime business hours.
- No more than two drill rigs will be present on site during the same time.
- Personnel and workers will adhere to the Health and Safety Manual for wearing ear protection.
- If noise complaints are received, the site manager will measure the noise level using a deciblemeter at the project limits. All measurements will be documented in the site log. If the noise level is found to exceed the County ordinance, the site manager will take appropriate actions to

reduce noise on site and note such actions in the log.

- The site manager will note in the site log book if complaints of excessive vibrations are reported. He/she will document corrective actions taken to reduce vibrations.
- Vehicle traffic will be scheduled so as to prevent excessive vehicles from being on site at any one time.

#### Transportation/Traffic -- Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation.

- Work will only be conducted during daytime business hours.
- During construction activities, delivery, and drilling activities, project
  personnel will prevent vehicles from lining up on County roads that could
  prevent through traffic. If traffic congestion occurs from the project,
  mitigation actions taken by personnel, such as re-directing project traffic,
  shall be recorded in the field log.
- Vehicle speeds on unpaved roadways will be limited to 25 miles per hour to minimize vehicle-related dust emissions.
- Dirt roads will be sprayed with water to minimize dust generation.
- Following construction completion, project personnel will ensure that the
  ethanol delivery truck has immediate access to enter the site so that it
  does not pose a potential hazard to other vehicles on the road. This
  mitigation measure will be implemented by project personnel being on
  site prior to time of expected ethanol deliveries.

### SUBSEQUENT STUDY/ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This Subsequent Study/Environmental Checklist and Negative Declaration have been prepared in accordance with the California Public Resources Code, Section 21080(c) and California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Sections 15070 and 15071. A Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project was adopted on June 14, 2006 by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region under Board Order No. R6V-2006-0022.

Project Title: Revised Central Area In situ Remediation Pilot Study Project

Project Location: 35863 Fairview Road, Hinkley, California 92347

Lead Agency: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region

Decision Making Body: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan

Region

**Project Applicant:** Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), 77 Beale Street, San Francisco, California 94105. Please send all correspondence to Robert Doss at the above address, and to Eric Johnson at 350 Salem Street, Chico, CA 95928.

Project Description: The original project description was detailed in the Revised Application/Report of Waste Discharge and Response to Comments (CH2M Hill, January 2006) for the in situ remediation pilot study in the Central Area of the PG&E Hinkley Compressor Station (the Site) chromium plume. The project, consisting of a 1,000 foot long by 1,800 foot wide pilot study area, was permitted on June 16, 2006 under Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order No. R6V-2006-0023. The project involves the implementation of a pilot study to evaluate an in situ (below ground surface) remediation technology in a controlled test cell as part of the development of a long-term strategy for remediation of groundwater containing chromium at the Hinkley Compressor Station. The site is located east of the community of Hinkley in San Bernardino County, in the Harper Valley Subarea of the Mohave Hydrologic Unit. The pilot study will evaluate in situ biological reduction of hexavalent chromium [Cr(VI)] to trivalent chromium [Cr(III)] using wells as the delivery system. Reducing conditions will be created through the injection of reductant (food-grade carbon sources) into the aquifer at the Central Area of the Cr(VI) plume.

This Subsequent Study/Environmental Checklist that follows has been prepared to consider proposed changes to the pilot study that require action by the Lahontan Water Board through adoption of revised WDRs. The proposed changes include (1) the use of tracer dyes to evaluate the efficacy of the recirculation wells, (2) the use of well rehabilitation compounds to effectively clean the injection well screens, (3) the use of ethanol as an additional food-grade carbon source, (4) a change in well spacing for

sentry and contingency monitoring wells, and (5) revising concentration limits for hexavalent and total chromium. In addition, the Subsequent Study/Checklist addresses changes in construction, operation and maintenance activities for implementing the proposed changes.

The mitigated negative declaration, adopted June 14, 2006, for the original project makes reference to a manual carbon source delivery system for facilitating bioremediation. The system included a trailer-mounted tank that would be transported from well to well for the direct injection of fluids to the well heads, using above ground piping. The original mitigated negative declaration also refers to generators that would be used to operate pumps at individual well heads and the trailer mounted injection system. After installation and operation of the first phase of the Central Area in situ pilot study, PG&E determined that an automated carbon source delivery system would be more effective, would be less subject to security breaches, and would lessen the impact from frequent traffic resulting from driving a truck and trailer to each well.

PG&E, thus, proposes an automated system that includes underground piping and vaults for carbon source delivery at each well head, underground conduit for electrical connections at each well head for pump operations, and temporary above-ground features including a carbon source holding tank and conex boxes containing system controls. The automated system eliminates the impacts of a truck and trailer routinely delivering carbon source to the well heads, and minimizes noise by using direct electrical connections instead of generators to operate well pumps. The system automation allows for more efficient operations, which could shorten the overall timeframe of the remediation project.

The above-described changes in system construction from manual to automated carbon source delivery was conducted with San Bernardino County as the permitting agency. Therefore, the changes do not require a discretionary action by the Water Board (i.e., revisions to the WDRs) or a revised checklist and project description under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Construction of the primary elements of the updated (automated) system, including installation of underground piping and temporary above-ground features, is underway, and portions of the system have been completed. Other construction and operation/maintenance activities, such as above ground storage tank installation, security features, and a gravel road, that will occur at a later date are addressed in this CEQA Subsequent Study/Checklist.

Mitigation measures to address potential impacts associated with these changes are described herein, along with the revised changes listed earlier in this section.

**Mitigation Measures:** The mitigation measures for these additional components are included in the attached Subsequent Study/Environmental Checklist. The project applicant has agreed to implement all of the mitigation measures.

**Environmental Finding:** The staff of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region has determined, on the basis of the attached Subsequent

Study/Environmental Checklist and the documents and sources referenced herein, that the project described above will not have a substantial adverse impact on the environment, provided that the mitigation measures identified in the project applicant's Report of Waste Discharge and the related Subsequent Study/Environmental Checklist are included in the project.

**Subsequent Study/Environmental Checklist:** A draft Supplemental Initial Checklist was prepared by ARCADIS and submitted to the Water Board by PG&E. The attached version of the Subsequent Study/Environmental Checklist was completed by Lisa Dernbach, Senior Engineering Geologist, of the Water Board. For more information, please contact Lisa Dernbach at (530) 542-5424 and Idernbach@waterboards.ca.gov.

## Subsequent Study/Environmental Checklist Central Area In Situ Remediation Pilot Study Pacific Gas and Electric Company Compressor Station, Hinkley, California

1. Project title:

Subsequent Changes to the Revised Central Area In situ Remediation Pilot Study Project, Pacific Gas and Electric Company Compressor Station, Hinkley, San Bernardino County, California

Lead agency name and address:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region 2501 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, California 96150

Contact person and phone number:

Lisa Dernbach, Senior Engineering Geologist Telephone: (530) 542-5424 and Idernbach@waterbaords.ca.gov

Project location:

Intersection of Fairview Road and Frontier Road Hinkley, San Bernardino County, California 92347

5. Project sponsor's name and address:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 77 Beale St, San Francisco, CA 94105 Attention: Robert Doss

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 350 Salem Street Chico, CA 95928 Attention: Eric Johnson

6. General plan designation:

RL-5 (Rural Living 5-acre minimum)

7. Zoning:

RL-5 (Rural Living 5-acre minimum)

8. Description of project: (Describe the whole action involved, including but not limited to later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or off-site features necessary for its implementation. Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

The project activities associated with the Central Area pilot study were previously defined in the approved Initial Study/Checklist (CH2M Hill, 2006). The basis for the original project description remains valid. Field-scale pilot testing at the facility started in fall 2006, under the waste discharge requirements set forth in Lahontan Water Board Order No. R6V-2006-0023. Pilot testing results are documented in the February 19, 2007 Central Area In Situ Phase I Pilot Study Recirculation Test Report (Test Report) and the April 30, 2007 First Quarter 2007 Monitoring Report. Based on the results of the initial activities, the following items are included in this Subsequent Study/Checklist for incorporation into revised waste discharge requirements.

The basis for the original project description remains valid, with the exception of the items identified below. The proposed project changes include (1) the use of tracer dyes to evaluate the efficacy of the recirculation wells, (2) the use of well rehabilitation compounds to effectively clean the injection well screens, (3) the use of ethanol as an additional food-grade carbon source, (4) a change in well spacing for sentry and contingency monitoring wells, and (5) revising concentration limits for hexavalent and

total chromium. In addition, the Subsequent Study/Checklist addresses changes in construction, operation and maintenance activities for implementing the proposed changes.

#### Fluorescent Tracers

The use of fluorescein and eosin fluorescent dye tracer compounds are being added to the WDRs, to allow for better understanding of aquifer conditions affecting recirculation cells. A total of up to three pounds of each tracer will be used in recirculation wells. The maximum concentration of the injected tracer will be 1 milligram per liter (mg/L). Tracer testing will be performed by injecting the dye to groundwater and evaluating nearby treatment zone monitoring wells for concentrations of the dye.

#### Well Rehabilitation Compounds

Operation of the permitted Central Area pilot study has demonstrated that well screen fouling within the injection wells could limit the long-term permeability of the well screens and overall project effectiveness. Therefore, corrective actions are necessary to prevent excess build up of biofouling and mineral deposits on well screens. The revised project proposes to include the injection of acid and oxidizing compounds for this purpose. A maximum volume of 360,000 gallons of food grade or United States Pharmacopeia (USP) grade citric acid, acetic acid, hydrochloric acid, sodium hydroxide, and/or hydrogen peroxide will be used on an as-needed basis. Delivery of acids and oxidizers to the screened interval of the well will create localized acidic, basic, or oxidized conditions within the well screen and filter pack, resulting in dissolution of mineral precipitates and bacterial growth on the well screen. Due to the natural bicarbonate conditions in groundwater, the affects of acid and oxidizer injections will be localized to just the area of the injection wells. Thus, injection of these compounds will not have a negative impact on water quality beyond the treatment zone or on the overall pilot test.

#### Use of Ethanol as a Reductant

The current WDRs allow lactate, whey, and emulsified vegetable oil to be used as carbon sources to promote microbial Cr(VI) reduction. Ethanol (95 percent ethanol denatured with 5 percent isopropyl alcohol) will be added to the list of approved carbon sources for this pilot study. Ethanol, an alcohol, will behave similarly to lactate (which has been proven to effectively reduce chromium in the Central Area) when used for in situ treatment, and will therefore be an effective carbon source for the Central Area in situ remediation project. A total of up to 400,000 gallons of 95 percent ethanol may be used over a five-year period. Ethanol impacts to water quality, including an alcohol taste and odor and an increase in organic carbon, are expected to be confined to just the project area and for only a limited time until consumed by microbes.

#### Increased Sentry and Contingency Monitoring Well Spacing

The current WDRs identify the spacing of three lines of monitoring wells downgradient of the treatment zone: a sentry line of wells located 180 feet downgradient of the injection wells, a sentry line of wells located 400 feet downgradient of the injection wells, and a contingency line of wells located 1,000 feet downgradient of the injection wells.

This well spacing was designed to monitor carbon-source impacts to water quality and degradation byproducts assuming an average groundwater velocity of 1-2 feet per day through the Central Area. However, based on the results of aquifer tests conducted during initial pilot study activities, a more rapid groundwater velocity between injection and extraction wells during recirculation (up to 4 feet per day) was observed. As such, the treatment zone, defined as the area in which the treatment reagent is still present in concentrations sufficient to accomplish the desired reaction, includes an area located further down-gradient of the injection wells than was previously predicted. To account for the faster than predicted groundwater velocities and extended downgradient treatment zone, the two sentry well line locations will be adjusted from 180 feet and 400 feet to 400 feet and 800 feet downgradient of the injection wells, respectively. In addition, the row of contingency wells will be moved from 1,000 feet to 1,600 feet downgradient of the injection wells. All wells will remain on land owned or leased by PG&E. No change in the total number of wells is proposed. As a result of this change, the footprint of the pilot study will now be 1,800 feet wide by 1,600 feet long.

#### Revising Concentration Limits for Hexavalent and Total Chromium

The February 19, 2007 Central Area In-Situ Phase I Pilot Study Recirculation Test Report (Test Report) and the April 30, 2007 First Quarter 2007 Monitoring Report state that background water sampling prior to reagent injection showed hexavalent and total chromium concentrations at levels above limits established in the WDRs. During baseline sampling, total chromium [Cr(T)] concentrations ranged from 71.9 to 303 micrograms per liter ( $\mu$ g/L) and hexavalent chromium concentrations ranged from 83.6 to 334  $\mu$ g/L. The applicant requests that waste discharge requirements be revised to reflect background concentrations for total and hexavalent chromium before regent injections begin for implementing full-scale remediation at the site. There will be no adverse effects upon the environment with this change.

#### Construction, Operations, and Maintenance

The current project as modified includes an automated system that consists of underground piping and vaults for carbon source delivery at each well head, underground conduit for electrical connections at each well head for pump operations, and temporary above-ground features including a carbon source holding tank and conex boxes for system controls. The vaults and piping have generally been constructed. The conex boxes, storage tank, and security measures (fencing and lighting) will be constructed at a later date and are discussed in detail below.

Carbon substrate will be delivered on an infrequent basis (from 30 to 90 days), and stored in the above-ground features consisting of the bulk storage tank and conex box. A roadway to the bulk storage tank and tanker turnaround (approximately 17,500 square feet total) may be re-enforced with crushed rock, and maintained throughout the project. The bulk storage tank and conex box will be secured through the use of privacy fencing and security lighting.

For routine injections, the carbon source will be mixed with extracted groundwater from the Site, and re-injected through recirculation well pairs using buried conveyance piping. The conveyance piping consists of double-contained high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe equipped with a leak detection system that shuts down the remediation system if a breach of the inner pipe is detected. A direct electrical connection for the remediation

system and individual wellheads will eliminate the need for portable generators during injection activities.

The proposed additional features will result in increased traffic, noise, and air quality issues during the construction period. After which, the use of an automated system will reduce the traffic, noise, and dust generation at the Site compared to the manual system that consisted of frequent traffic between wells during injections. Only the aesthetics impacts of the site will continue from the revised project.

9. Surrounding land uses and setting: Briefly describe the project's surroundings:

There are no changes to the surrounding land uses and setting from the Initial Study/Checklist. The local setting and land use remain rural/agricultural.

The Central Area pilot test area is located in the vicinity of the intersection of Fairview Road (paved) and Frontier Road (unpaved), and is bound by rural/agricultural land to the south, north, east and west. The project area is on land owned or leased by PG&E.

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement).

Individual well drilling permits will be required by San Bernardino County to install monitoring wells. The only change in conditions associated with the installation of these wells is the spacing downgradient from the injection wells; therefore, the need for well permits was previously defined in the Initial Study/Checklist.

A non-discretionary industrial alcohol user permit from the U. S. Department of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau is required for the bulk storage of ethanol. The storage tank to be used in the Central Area is sized to contain up to 12,000 gallons of 95 percent ethanol. As such, an industrial alcohol user permit will be required prior to delivering bulk quantities of ethanol to the Site.

The Site is located within the jurisdiction of the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD). Point source and fugitive air emissions, such as those from ethanol tanker truck unloading, storage, and handling are subject to the Rules and Regulations of the MDAQMD. Under Regulation II (Permits), the MDAQMD requires that all equipment with the potential to emit air pollutants have a valid MDAQMD permit prior to commencing construction and/or operation. As such, a non-discretionary MDAQMD permit will be required prior to storing bulk ethanol at the Site.

A non-discretionary permit from the San Bernardino Fire Department (SBFD) is required to store more than 5,000 gallons of flammable liquids, and to operate a flammable-liquid bulk loading and unloading operation. As such, a SBFD permit will be required prior to storing bulk ethanol at the Site. In addition, a California Air Resources Board (CARB) permit is required for ethanol storage on site.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:**

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages. Air Quality Aesthetics Agriculture Resources Geology /Soils Biological Resources **Cultural Resources** Land Use / Planning Hazards & Hazardous Hydrology / Water Materials Quality Mineral Resources Noise Population / Housing Transportation/Traffic Public Services Recreation Mandatory Findings of Significance **Utilities / Service** Systems DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency) On the basis of this initial evaluation: I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared. I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared. I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required. I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed. I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required. 1/1/07

#### **EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:**

- A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVII, "Earlier Analyses," may be cross-referenced).
- Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. CCR, Title 14, Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
  - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
  - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources

used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

- 8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.
- 9) The explanation of each issue should identify:
  - a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
  - b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

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Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	N Imj
I. AESTHETICS Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?			$\boxtimes$	
<ul> <li>Above ground storage tank measurith a vent pipe standing 12-feet at the Above ground conex boxes.</li> <li>A 6-foot high chain link fence surred Grading and crushed rock for accurate about 17,500 square feet.</li> </ul> The use of ethanol and well rehabilitation.	above ground rounding on-s ess driveway	l. ite structures. and tanker turi	n around area	, equ
biological and chemical processes will be considered in the existing Initial Study/CI change in aesthetics, as the same numb Mitigation Measures:	e unchanged hecklist. The	from what was increased well	previously de spacing will n	scribe ot pro
None required since the site is not located designated scenic resources. The visibility fencing, conex boxes, etc.) would be limit location of the project site is remote. The boundaries and the distance provides eraffected by on-site structures from the property of the structures.	lity of the in-s ited, because nearest resi nough mitigat	itu system facili the equipment dence is about	ities (storage is relatively s 700 feet from	tank, mall a proje
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely				

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area?				
Significance: Less than significant impact	ct with mitigat	ion incorporatio	n.	
(d) As stated in the Initial Study/Checklist, scenic vista or any designated scenic reso		t located within	, or in the vici	nity of, a
The in situ system facilities will have secu portable storage container will have a sing illuminated continuously from dusk to daw placed within the fenced enclosure surrou only illuminate when triggered by movements.	gle light moun yn. Additional unding the cor	ited at the main Llights containir	door that willing motion ser	be sors will be
Mitigation Measures:	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
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The lighting and fencing are required for simpacts to aesthetics. Security lighting will distance to residences (700 feet and great by the lights.	ill be directed	away from nea	rby residence	s. The
II. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES:				
In determining whether impacts to agrice effects, lead agencies may refer to the Assessment Model (1997) prepared by model to use in assessing impacts on a	California Ag the Californi	ricultural Land a Dept. of Con	Evaluation a	nd Site
Would the project:				
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the				$\boxtimes$
Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				$\boxtimes$
c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use?				

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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(a)-(c) A review of potential impacts to ag the Initial Study/Checklist. There are no				
the milai olddy/oneckiist. There are no	changes as a	result of the pre	Ject revisions	·
Mitigation Measures:			<del></del>	
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None Required.	· <u>_</u>			
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III. AIR QUALITY		_		
Where available, the significance criter management or air pollution control dis determinations.		• • •	•	-
Would the project:				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?		,		
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	or			
Significance: Less than Significant with	h Mitigation Ind	corporation.	. •	
(b) Revising the location of the monitoring from drilling as approved under the exist be installed remains the same as original construction activities was addressed in dust generation will result from the well-	ting Initial Stud ally planned. T the Initial Stud	dy/Checklist, as The generation dy/Checklist. N	the number of dust for we	of wells to ell
Construction of the remaining elements lighting, fencing, access road and tanke Mitigation measures, such as water spinoriginal project description, and are also the new automated injection system will with system operation, as routine traffic	er turnaround) ray for dust co o applicable fo I decrease the	may result in si ntrol, were prev r the planned c potential for du	hort-term dustriously include onstruction. I ust generation	t generatio ed in the Furthermoi
Point source and fugitive air emissions, and handling of ethanol, are subject to Quality Management District. Under Reequipment with the potential to emit air construction and/or operation. In additional construction and constr	the Rules and egulation II (Pe pollutants hav	Regulations of ermits), the MD e a valid permi	the Mojave E AQMD require t prior to comi	Desert Air es that all mencing

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required for storage of ethanol on site.				
Mitigation Measure:				
The air quality mitigation measures identif drilling and construction activities in the re will be limited to 10 miles per hour, to mini be used for dust control. In accordance w dust will have to cease when winds reach	vised project. imize vehicle- vith MDAQMD	Vehicle speed related dust en rules, constru	ds on unpave nissions. Wat ction activities	d roadways er spray will
For the storage of ethanol at the site, the issued permit. These conditions will define quality requirements. These requirement laws, rules and regulations, MDAQMD peengineering practice as interpreted by ME define what is being permitted through the detail list, in most cases including a maxin compliance with the MDAQMD permit. Moreometric manager and submitted according to the described in monitoring reports and correct thanol storage will be maintained in corbe responsible for ensuring that all permits.	e acceptable is are derived in inting policy DAQMD engire description mum rating. It is in the ctive actions multiance with	operation of the from Federal, Sond precedent eering staff. It and equipment Eugitive emission to be kept to taken will be list the CARB perion from the taken will be list the CARB perion from the taken will be list the CARB perion from the taken will be list the CARB perion from the taken will be list the CARB perion from the taken will be list the CARB perion from the taken will be list the CARB perion from the taken will be list taken will be lis	e device withing the and regulation addition, the details and/or ons will be more in a log by the ontial violation attential.	n the air AQMD fory permit will r equipment onitored in e site s will be
submitted according to schedule.	· · · · · ·			· -
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions, which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	•			
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?			$\boxtimes$	
Significance: Less than Significant with	Mitigation In	corporation.		
(e) There may be some minor and tempor operation of ethanol use. The project is I nearest residence. The rural location of the residences will prevent these potential of	located appro the remediation	ximately 700 fe on site and the	eet to the easi distance to th	t of the ne nearest

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people. As ethanol is a similar reductant to mitigation measures with regard to sensiti described.		and the second s	T (	
Mitigation Measures:				
The air monitoring program in place will engas levels during project operations. If hig contingency plan to scale back or shut do will be responsible for recording high leve reporting corrective actions according to a	th levels of nu wn injections Is of nuisance	isance air cons will be impleme air constituen	stituents are o ented. The sit	letected, a e manager
IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES				
Would the project:	<del></del> -			
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?				
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory				

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				

(a) The details associated with biological resource management and the construction and drilling activities to be conducted at the Site were presented in the Initial Study/Checklist.

A review of the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) indicated the potential presence of the desert tortoise (Gopherus agassizii). However, the project site does not fall within the United States Fish and Wildlife Service critical habitat designation for the desert tortoise. The Superior-Cronese Desert Tortoise Critical Habitat Unit is located approximately 2 miles northeast of the project site, encompassing areas northeast of Hinkley to Cronese Valley (55 FR 12178-12191).

There are no CNDDB records related to the Mohave ground squirrel (Spermophilus mohavensis) within the project vicinity. However, there have been past sightings of the Mohave ground squirrel by PG&E personnel. No other sensitive terrestrial species are documented at, or in the vicinity of, the project site.

No additional significant habitat would be affected by the project revisions. The revised monitoring well locations will be in areas already disturbed by agricultural operations, access roads, or other improvements/disturbances. No natural water features or fish species are located within the vicinity of the wells. In addition, no significant habitat would be affected by the project revisions at the treatment zone where the storage tank, conex boxes, and security measures will be constructed. The project revisions will not provide a change in biological conditions or additional impact.

#### **Mitigation Measures:**

Environmental awareness training for all drilling and construction personnel will be provided to identify sensitive biological resources, using the current PG&E training program. Workers will be required to report to the project biologist the occurrence of any special-status species observed during the drilling and construction operations, who would then implement species protection measures.

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When the precautions and measures men potential impacts will be effectively mitigate environment is anticipated.	tioned above ed. Therefor	are implement e, no adverse c	ed during the umulative imp	project, eact to the
V. CULTURAL RESOURCES	<del></del>			
Would the project:				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5?			. 🔲	
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?				
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				
Significance: No Impact.	*.	<u></u>		<u> </u>
(a)-(d) A review of cultural resources was Study/Checklist. There are no changes a in the pilot study area are not identified or California and San Bernardino County.	is a result of	the project revi	sions. Cultura	
Mitigation Measures:				
In the event that cultural resources are ac will contact and work closely with the Nat resources are not destroyed or adversely	ive Americar	-		
VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS				
Would the project:				
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:				
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent				$\boxtimes$

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Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning sued by the State Geologist for a or based on other substantial ce of a known fault? Refer to n of Mines and Geology Special stion 42.			'	
ng seismic ground shaking?				$\boxtimes$
mic-related ground failure, ng liquefaction?				
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ult in substantial soil erosion or s of topsoil?				$\boxtimes$
ocated on a geologic unit or soil unstable, or that would become le as a result of the project, and ally result in on- or off-site de, lateral spreading, ence, liquefaction or collapse?				
ocated on expansive soil, as d in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform ng Code (1994), creating untial risks to life or property?				×
re soils incapable of adequately rting the use of septic tanks or ative waste water disposal as where sewers are not ble for the disposal of waste				
icance: No Impact.  A review of potential impacts to geol Study/Checklist. There are no changed remediation system and underground wake safety.	ies as a res	sult of the projec	ct revisions.	The <mark>ab</mark> o
d remediation system and undergroun				

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VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MA	TERIALS			
Would the project:		<del>_</del>		
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				
Significance: Less than Significant with	Mitigation Inco	orporation.		
Mitigation Measures:  The following safety features will be imported the public of potential hazards from haz  • Adequate communication equipmostires or other emergencies.  • Necessary permits will be obtained and Health Department prior to color to the communication equipmostires or other emergencies.  • Necessary permits will be obtained and Health Department prior to color to the color to	plemented du ardous mater ent must alwand end from the Sa demical use and distatutes and inment will be ead and oxidize eatorage tank ortation, delived upon recomme ials. Personne o the site Hea sible for maint	rials:  ays be present  an Bernardino ( t site:  acids, and oxidi  regulations.  provided for the  and have reque  ers) will not be a  to indicate the  ery and handling  mendations con  el will also prote  aining a site log	on site to reponsite to reponsite to reponsite to reponsite the stored in bulked to the material to the manual.	ort potential epartment oly with erage tank controls. at the site. hazards. rials will take Material es with
logged and reported to the appro Corrective action taken will also I  Adequate fire suppression equip	be recorded.			
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through				

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reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the				

Significance: Less Than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.

(b) The California Fire Code (2001) was reviewed for the on-site use and storage of flammable liquids such as ethanol. The ethanol conveyance system will employ an eductor with potable water as the motive fluid, to ensure than only a dilute ethanol solution will be conveyed into the existing remediation system. The concentration of ethanol in the water will be limited, to maintain a non-combustible solution based on the flashpoint. Since the ambient temperature can reach 120 degrees Fahrenheit at the Site, the solution strength was designed to yield a flashpoint of 130 degrees Fahrenheit or greater. The system will be outfitted with mechanical and process control systems, to ensure that the ethanol dilution system is operating properly. The frequency of deliveries for 95 percent ethanol is estimated at approximately one tanker truck every 30 to 91 days.

Acetic, citric, and hydrochloric acids, sodium hydroxide, and/or hydrogen peroxide solutions will be used as well rehabilitation compounds. The well rehabilitation compounds will be purchased and used as needed, and will not be stored in bulk at the Site.

#### **Mitigation Measures:**

environment?

A permit from the San Bernardino Fire Department is required to store more than 5,000 gallons of flammable liquids (ethanol), and to operate a flammable-liquid bulk loading and unloading operation. Permit applications and associated review materials will be submitted to the San Bernardino County Fire Chief.

Spill control and secondary containment must be provided for the flammable-liquid storage tank and tank vehicle offloading area. A double-walled protective tank that complies with the Underwriters Laboratories 2085 standard will be used for substrate storage. The tank is 10'-9" in diameter and 24'-0" in length. The volume of the outer shell of the tank is 110 percent of the internal tank. The tank vehicle offloading area design includes a concrete containment area with a capacity that is 110 percent of the volume of a 5,000 gallon capacity tanker truck.

Tanks storing flammable liquids must be outfitted with backflow and external control valves. These valves have been included in the system design.

The San Bernardino County Fire Code (Fire Code) contains specific venting requirements for flammable-liquid storage tanks. The substrate storage tank will be outfitted with a minimum 1.25-inch (internal diameter) atmospheric vent. A normally-closed venting device will be installed on the atmospheric vent. An emergency vent with a venting capacity of 239,000 cubic feet per hour will be installed, per emergency-vent calculations outlined in the Fire Code.

Signage must be posted near flammable-liquid storage tanks, to indicate the potential fire

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hazards. A 'no open flame' and 'no smoki tank, and a placard will be placed on the ta			he substrate-	storage
Separation distances are specified in the office storage tank vents, and tank vehicle office maintained:  • Storage Tank Location – 30 feet from storage facility  • Storage Tank Vent - 12 feet above storage facility  • Tank Vehicle Unloading Facility - 2 storage facility	ading. The form property I	llowing separat ine and 5 feet t ace and 5 feet t	ion distances from the temp from the temp	will be orary orary
Well rehabilitation compounds will not be in as needed and injected into wells throu injection. The well rehabilitation reagents totes. The material will be offloaded from area. The reagent material will be transfe piping. Following mixing, the dilute reage walled HDPE piping. Personnel involved materials will take proper safety precautic Material Safety Data Sheets for the mater	igh the engine will be trans, within the coerred to the ment will be coning the transpons, based up	eered system u corted to the si ntainment bern ixing tank via d veyed to the in ortation, delivel	sed for substi le via tanker to n of the tanke louble-contain jection vaults ry and handlir	rate ruck or r offloading red HDPE via double- ng of the
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				
f) For a project within the vicinity of a	<u> </u>			

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				
g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?		· .		
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				
Significance: No Impact.  (c) – (h) No changes result from the proposition Measures:  None Required.	osed project r	evisions.		
VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUA	LITY			
Would the project:		•		
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				
Significance: Less than Significant Impa	act with Mitiga	tion Incorporat	ed.	
Ethanol In addition to the carbon reagents identificing injected during the pilot study to stimulate groundwater, creating an anaerobic environmentation to groundwater will range for odor threshold of 760 mg/L. Bioremediate and carbon as microbial biomass. Ethan carbon in the treatment zone, at concentrations organic matter will be constituent of concentrations.	e naturally-occ ronment for re rom 200 to 60 tion end-produ ol could be de rations above less than the	curring microbe ducing Cr(VI). 00 mg/L, which acts will include etected as etha water quality s taste and odor	s to consume Injected etha is below the to carbon dioxid nol and total d tandards. Bu threshold, on	oxygen in nol aste and de, water, organic t since aly total
Total Substrate Volume –The maximum the Central Area over the course of the 5 based on local groundwater flow condition of Cr(VI) in this area, and initial results of	year pilot stu ons and aquife	idy is 400,000 g er geochemistry	gallons. This v r, current cond	olume is centrations

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(lactate). The actual volume of ethanol to be injected will be determined based on site conditions and ongoing pilot study monitoring data.

#### **Tracer Compounds**

Fluorescein and eosine dyes will be mixed with the recirculated groundwater, to provide additional groundwater flow characterization data within the Central Area. A maximum of three pounds each of fluorescein and eosine dyes will be injected during the pilot study. The tracers will be injected in the groundwater at concentrations no greater than 1 mg/L, which is approximately the concentration at which the dyes are visible to the naked eye. These safe, non-toxic compounds have been used in groundwater tracer studies at the Site. The tracers are expected to dilute and biodegrade in the groundwater to concentrations of 0.1 mg/L or less prior to reaching the pilot study boundaries, reducing dye visibility.

#### Well Rehabilitation Compounds

As a result of injection well screen fouling observed during the initial pilot study activities, well rehabilitation compounds will be used to remove microbial or geochemical fouling and encrustation that may negatively impact well performance. For well rehabilitation, PG&E will use food grade or United States Pharmacopeia (USP) grade compounds, including citric acid, acetic acid, hydrochloric acid, sodium hydroxide, and/or hydrogen peroxide. Delivery of acids and other compounds to the screened interval of the wells, at concentrations ranging from 1 to 5 mg/L, will create acidic, basic, and/or oxidized conditions within the well screen and filter pack. Such conditions will result in dissolution of mineral precipitates and biological growth on the well screen. A maximum volume of 360,000 gallons of well rehabilitation compounds will be used for well rehabilitation at the Central Area pilot test.

The existing Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Central Area requires monitoring for pH and alkalinity (as a background measurement) in the Central Area treatment zone monitoring wells. The bicarbonate alkalinity averaged 300 mg/L in the Central Area wells, and pH was neutral to slightly alkaline during the baseline event. These data show that the aquifer materials contain a high concentration of carbonate minerals that are in equilibrium with the dissolved bicarbonate, which will provide a strong buffering effect on any acids and bases injected within the treatment zone as part of the well rehabilitation program. The strong buffering capability of the aquifer, and the very limited use of these compounds for well rehabilitation, will prevent pH effects from being observed in downgradient monitoring wells. Thus, injection of these compounds will not have a negative impact on water quality beyond the treatment zone or on the overall pilot test

#### Monitoring Well Spacing

The approved WDRs provide for spacing of three lines of monitoring wells downgradient of the treatment zone: a sentry line of wells 180 feet downgradient of the injection wells, a sentry line of wells 400 feet downgradient of the injection wells, and a contingency line of wells 1,000 feet downgradient of the injection wells. Initial aquifer testing conducted during the pilot studies showed a more rapid groundwater velocity than originally estimated through the areas tested in the Central Area. This more rapid groundwater velocity will have the effect of extending the

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
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downgradient treatment zone, defined as the area in which the treatment reagent is still present in concentrations sufficient to accomplish the desired reaction. The revised well spacing of 400 feet, 800 feet, and 1,600 feet downgradient from the injection wells accounts for the increased groundwater velocity through the Central Area. All sentry and contingency wells remain on land owned or leased by PG&E. No change in the number of wells is proposed.

#### **Mitigation Measures:**

#### Ethanol

Ethanol is expected to behave similarly to the other permitted carbon sources for the Central Area. Reduced groundwater conditions resulting from ethanol injections have the potential to create remediation byproducts, such as mobilized metals. Monitoring for these constituents is already required in the original WDRs. The only added laboratory constituent will be ethanol as an alcohol, to monitor for potential taste and odor impacts upon water quality. Detection of ethanol at or above the taste and odor threshold at either sentry or contingency wells will trigger implementation of the contingency plan. Mitigation actions can include reducing or ceasing ethanol use, and implementing active remediation to prevent migration beyond the project boundaries.

#### **Tracer Compounds**

Inert fluorescent dyes will be injected in one-well injection tests or two-well dipole configurations in the proposed dipole wells. A limited volume of tracer will be added at a concentration no greater than 1 mg/L, and groundwater will be monitored in nearby treatment zone monitoring wells to determine specific aquifer properties. The monitoring program will be revised to include analysis for fluorescein and eosine tracers. Monitoring will continue until tracer concentrations are below 100 ug/L in the surrounding monitoring wells, and the desired aquifer properties are defined. Tracer detection above 100 µg/L at sentry or contingency wells will trigger implementation of the contingency plan. Mitigation actions can include reducing or ceasing use of one or more tracers, and implementing active remediation to prevent migration beyond the project boundaries.

#### Well Rehabilitation Compounds

The monthly monitoring of pH in each well, as currently performed, will document that the pH effects are localized to the immediate vicinity of the well screen, and not observed in downgradient monitoring locations. Additionally, the organic acids (acetic and citric acid) used for well rehabilitation will also have positive effects on the microbiological community, as they will degrade in the groundwater in a manner similar to the other carbon sources used to create and sustain the reduction of hexavalent to trivalent chromium. Total organic carbon will be measured in each treatment zone monitoring well, to document that these well rehabilitation compounds fully degrade within the treatment zone.

To monitor the well rehabilitation compounds, PG&E will monitor the appropriate Central Area wells for the following elements:

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- 1. Volatile fatty acids (VFAs) (EPA method 300.M) and/or total organic carbon (EPA method 415.2), as measured currently on a monthly basis in the treatment zone and sentry wells.
- 2. Groundwater pH, as measured currently in the treatment zone and sentry wells (field measurement).
- 3. Chloride is being added to the monitoring program to evaluate the potential impacts to water quality from hydrochloric acid use.

The detection of one or more of these constituents at concentrations adversely impacting water quality in the sentry or contingency wells will trigger implementation of the contingency plan. Mitigation actions can include reducing or ceasing use of one or more well rehabilitation compounds, and implementing active remediation to prevent migration beyond the project boundaries.

#### Monitoring Well Spacing

The contingency plan identified in the WDRs includes a monitoring plan and mitigation measures to be performed if threshold concentrations of remediation byproducts (unutilized reductant, groundwater tracer, and mobilized reduced metals) are exceeded at designated sentry monitoring wells. The increased spacing associated with the monitoring wells will not require a change in the plan requirements. All sentry and contingency monitoring wells will remain on property owned or leased by PG&E. As discussed in the Initial Study/Checklist, mitigation measures will be initiated to prevent remediation byproducts above the threshold concentrations from migrating beyond the pilot study sentry wells, and to protect the water quality of private wells located near the Central Area. The nearest private wells within the potential influence of the Central Area are located approximately 700 feet to the west of injection/extraction wells. Mitigation actions can include implementing active remediation to prevent constituent migration beyond the project boundaries. Such action can be air sparging to return the aquifer to oxidized conditions and/or groundwater extraction.

#### Spill Control

Spill control and secondary containment must be provided for the flammable-liquid storage tank and tank vehicle offloading area. A double-walled protective tank that complies with the Underwriters Laboratories 2085 standard will be used for carbon reagent storage. The volume of the outer shell of the tank is 110 percent of the internal tank volume. The tank vehicle offloading area design includes a concrete containment area with a capacity that is 110 percent of the volume of a 5,000 gallon tanker truck. Additionally, a spill control plan will be prepared for use in the event that a release occurs from the tanker truck while it is not over the secondary containment system. All spills will be recorded by the site manager in the field log and list corrective actions taken. Spills reports shall be made to the Water Board and other overseeing agencies in compliance with all permitting conditions.

#### Contingency Plan

The contingency plan includes a monitoring plan and mitigation measures to be performed if threshold concentrations of remediation byproducts (unutilized injected reagents, tracers, and mobilized reduced metals) are exceeded at designated monitoring wells, located 400 and 800 feet from injection wells. Mitigation measures will be initiated to prevent remediation byproducts above the threshold concentrations from migrating beyond the recovery zone, and

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to protect the water quality at nearby private wells. The nearest private wells within the potential influence of Cell 3 are located approximately 700 feet cross-gradient to the west of the Cell 3 injection/extraction wells. These private wells are located along Mountain View Road, as shown on Attachment A.

A proposed contingency plan describes measures to monitor remediation byproducts within the project area. The planned overall mechanism for mitigating remediation byproducts will be natural attenuation because it is known that such constituents are transient in nature. If natural attenuation processes are not effective enough, reagent injection will be scaled back or shut off. If groundwater monitoring indicates that remediation byproducts are not attenuating within the project boundaries, active remediation measures, such as air sparging or groundwater extraction, will be initiated to prevent migration to the contingency wells, located 1,600 feet from injection wells. Byproducts, reagents, or tracers detected above threshold concentrations in the contingency wells will be in violation of the waste discharge requirements and will trigger aggressive implementation of active remedial measures within a strict timeframe.

The specifics of the Contingency Plan are described as follows. In the event that un-utilized reagents, the tracer, and/or reduced metals, other than chromium, are detected at waste discharge requirements trigger concentrations in groundwater in the second row of sentry monitoring locations, located 800 feet from the injection wells (Attachment B), reagent injection will be scaled back by at least half the original amount or volume, or completely halted within 5 working days of receipt of laboratory results. In addition, if any of the parameters are detected above trigger concentrations in the second row of sentry wells, located 800 ft from the recirculation system, the Discharger will notify the Water Board within 5 days. The Discharger will then consult with the Water Board staff concerning the results. If the Discharger cannot make a case to indicate the unlikely potential for constituent migration beyond the pilot test boundaries, the Discharger must implement the Contingency Plan (refer to Table 5). In the latter case, injections must be scaled back or halted within 5 days of consulting with Water Board staff. Within 14 days of consulting with Water Board staff, the Discharger must begin the process of implementing air sparging or another equally effective remediation method for the constituent exceeding the water quality standard. Such action should restore water quality to levels listed in waste discharge requirements and prevent migration away from the pilot study boundaries. The chosen remediation method must be in operation within 120 days of consultation with Water Board staff. The chosen remediation method must restore the aquifer to pre-pilot study conditions and restore water quality to levels listed in waste discharge requirements, preventing migration outside the pilot study boundaries.

In the event that remediation byproducts or other constituents are detected at threshold concentrations in contingency monitoring wells on the project area boundaries, the applicant will notify the Water Board within two working days of receipt of laboratory results of violations being detected. Within 14 days of notification, the Discharger will submit a proposal to the Water Board to contain such migration outside the pilot study boundaries. The proposal shall include a monitoring plan to adequately monitor groundwater outside the pilot study boundaries downgradient of the area where violations were observed.

The proponent shall maintain a field log noting when and how the Contingency Plan is

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implemented.				
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?				, <u> </u>
e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				
Significance: No Impact.			<del></del>	
(b)-(e) The temporary equipment pads of period but will be removed after remediate changes to the existing drainage pathwa surface water as a result of these change.  Mitigation Measures:	tion is comple ys, vegetatio	ete. There will i n, or other feat	not be any su	bstantial
None Required.			·	

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f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				
Significance: Less than Significant Impa (f) Significance associated with the injection identified in item a) above.  Mitigation Measures:	_			eagents are
Mitigation Measures associated with the compounds are identified in item a) above the Central Area were previously evaluate	e. Byproducts	s associated wi	th in situ reme	
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?				
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				
i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				$\boxtimes$
Significance: No Impact.  (g)-(j) A review of potential impacts to flo Initial Study/Checklist. There are no cha Mitigation Measures:  None Required.				nted in the

IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
ould the project:				
) Physically divide an established ommunity?				
an, policy, or regulation of an agency ith jurisdiction over the project including, but not limited to the general an, specific plan, local coastal rogram, or zoning ordinance) adopted or the purpose of avoiding or nitigating an environmental effect?				
) Conflict with any applicable habitat onservation plan or natural community onservation plan?				
Significance: No Impact.  (a)-(c) A review of potential impacts to land				nted in the
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	ges as a res			nted in the
litigation Measures:  lone Required.  MINERAL RESOURCES  Vould the project:  ) Result in the loss of availability of a nown mineral resource that would be f value to the region and the residents f the state?  ) Result in the loss of availability of a nown mineral resource that would be f value to the region and the residents f the state?  ) Result in the loss of availability of a nocally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land	ges as a res			nted in the

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
None Required.				
XI. NOISE Would the project result in:				
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?			$\boxtimes$	
The revised project may expose persons time during the installation of wells. The support equipment.  Mitigation Measures:				
The following mitigation measures will be produced by the project from becoming a			cessive vibrati	ons*
<ul> <li>Well installation and construction hours.</li> <li>No more than two drill rigs will be the project is located approximation of the remediation prevent these potential condition.</li> <li>Personnel and workers will adher protection.</li> </ul>	e present on s Itely 700 feet t Isite and the d Is from affection Is from affection	ite during the s to the east of th istance to the r ng a substantia alth and Safet	ame time. ne nearest res nearest reside I number of p	idence. The nces will eople. wearing ear

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d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				

Significance: Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated.

(d) Revised project construction activities will temporarily increase noise levels at the project site in addition to that presented in the Initial Study/Checklist. The noise increase will result from the construction of additional facilities, such as the storage tank, fencing, access road and tank turn around area, and the additional traffic related to these activities. Construction noise, however, will be short term and conducted only during standard daytime business hours. The noise generated by construction will be attenuated by the distance to the nearest receptor and the nearest sensitive noise receptor. The nearest residence is located approximately 700 feet west of the project location. The nearest sensitive noise receptor is the Hinkley Senior Center located at 35997 Mountain View Road, approximately 5,000 feet west of the project site. The noise associated with drill rigs and support equipment was previously identified in the Initial Study/Checklist.

Following project construction, there will be a decrease in noise at the site from that described in the Initial Study/Checklist. The implementation of an automated carbon reagent delivery system will reduce noise levels, as a direct electrical connection and underground electrical conduit will be used to power the remediation system and wellhead pumps, rather than the generators that were identified in the Initial Study/Checklist. In addition, noise related to injection activities will be minimized as routine traffic between wells for injections will not be needed. Infrequent bulk reagent deliveries will be conducted during normal daytime business hours, and will not significantly increase the ambient noise levels.

## **Mitigation Measures:**

The project will be conducted in accordance with the County of San Bernardino's General Plan Noise Element standard for residential development. In addition, the following mitigation measures will be implemented by project personnel to ensure that noise from the revised project will be as minimal as possible:

- Work will only be conducted during daytime business hours.
- Vehicle traffic will be scheduled so as to prevent excessive vehicles from being on site at any one time.
- If noise complaints are received, the site manager will measure the noise level
  using a deciblemeter at the project limits. All measurements will be documented in
  the site log. If the noise level is found to exceed the County ordinance, the site
  manager will take appropriate action to reduce noise on site and note such actions
  in the log.

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airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?					
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?					
(e)-(f) A review of potential impacts to airp Initial Study/Checklist. There are no chan Mitigation Measures:			•	d in the	
None Required.  XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING	· ·				
Would the project:					
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?					
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?					
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				$\boxtimes$	
Significance: No Impact.  (a)-(c) A review of potential impacts to point the Initial Study/Checklist. There are re-					

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Mitigation Measures:	<u> </u>	•	· ·	
None Required.		·	· ·	
XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES				
a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
Fire protection?				
Police protection?				
Schools?				$\boxtimes$
Parks?		· , []		$\boxtimes$
Other public facilities?				$\boxtimes$
Significance: No Impact.		<del></del>	<del></del>	
(a) The use of ethanol will require permit Treasury; however, there will be no impa				
Mitigation Measures:				
None Required.	·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		·
XIV. RECREATION				
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities				$\boxtimes$

Issues	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
ch that substantial physical erioration of the facility would occur be accelerated?				
Does the project include recreational illities or require the construction or pansion of recreational facilities ich might have an adverse physical ect on the environment?				
(b) A review of potential impacts to reconstruction of potential Study/Checklist. There are no constant in the second section Measures:  The Require of the Require of the second section in the second section in the second seco				
TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC				
Id the project:				
ause an increase in traffic which is stantial in relation to the existing c load and capacity of the street em (i.e., result in a substantial ease in either the number of vehicle, the volume to capacity ratio on is, or congestion at intersections)?				
exceed, either individually or nulatively, a level of service adard established by the county gestion management agency for ignated roads or highways?				
Result in a change in air traffic terns, including either an increase in ffic levels or a change in location tt result in substantial safety risks?				
Substantially increase hazards due a design feature (e.g., sharp curves				

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(a) & (d) A review of potential impacts to traffic and transportation was conducted and presented in the Initial Study/Checklist.

The additional construction associated with the revised project will result in a minimal increase in traffic or transportation for a limited time. There will be additional vehicle deliveries of gravel, the mixing tank, and other material. There will also be a minimal increase in worker traffic to and from the site.

Following project construction, the effects of traffic and transportation associated with routine project operations and maintenance will be decreased from the original project, with one exception. The decrease from the original project is related to the reduction of transporting the mobile equipment to and from the site for routine operation and maintenance. In addition, routine traffic between remediation wells associated with manual injections will no longer be required.

The exception to the decrease in traffic being the infrequent bulk deliveries (once every 30 to 90 days) of ethanol, a flammable liquid. Such deliveries will increase traffic hazard during ingress and egress at the site. Other than that, there will be no impact to existing traffic patterns as the tanker trucks will not stop on existing roadways or block traffic (and delivery frequency and volumes will be similar to those previously approved). A designated tanker offloading station is located off the existing roadways.

## Mitigation Measures:

During project construction, measures will be taken to minimize traffic and transportation issues at the site, including:

- Work will only be conducted during daytime business hours.
- Vehicle speeds on unpaved roadways will be limited to 25 miles per hour to minimize vehicle-related dust emissions.
- Dirt roads will be sprayed with water to minimize dust generation.
- Project personnel will direct traffic to prevent vehicles from lining up on County roads that could impede through traffic during construction, delivery, and drilling activities.

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Following project construction, project persimmediate access to enter the site so that on the road. This mitigation measure will prior to time of expected ethanol deliveries	it does not po be implement	sure that the et ose a potential l	hazard to othe	r vehicles
XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEM	MS			
Would the project		· 		
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				
c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				$\boxtimes$
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				$\boxtimes$
e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the	/			
project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?	,			$\boxtimes$
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solic waste?				$\boxtimes$

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Significance: No Impact.	<u> </u>			
(a)-(g) A review of potential impacts to util presented in the Initial Study/Checklist. T revisions.				
Mitigation Measures:				
None Required.				
XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIG	NIFICANCE			
a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				
(a) No significant habitat would be affected well locations will be in areas already dissorber improvements/disturbances. No not the vicinity of the wells. As discussed in important examples of major periods of a significant habitat would be affected by the storage tank, conex boxes, and security  Mitigation Measures:  Environmental awareness training for all identify sensitive biological resources, us be required to report to the project biological observed during the drilling and construction.	ed by the project of turbed by agree tural water fe Section V, the California history measures will drilling and control the curregist the occuri	ect revisions. To icultural operations or fish specifications of the tree on structed on struction per on the construction per one of any specifications of any specifications.	The revised notions, access opecies are localisms will not entry. In additionate atment zone d.  Sonnel will be ag program. Secial-status s	roads, or cated within eliminate , no where the e provided to Workers will pecies

When the precautions and measures mentioned above are implemented during the project, potential impacts will be effectively mitigated. Therefore, no adverse cumulative impact to the

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The project revisions associated with this Subsequent Study/Checklist will have no additional significance on the overall environmental effects previously identified in the Initial Study/Checklist. Some minor impacts to air quality, noise, and traffic will occur for a limited time during the construction period for the above ground storage tank, security features, and a gravel road and truck turnaround area. These impacts will essentially cease with the completion of an automated in situ remediation system that will reduce the potential for (1) noise and dust generation, due to the use of a direct electrical connection as opposed to portable generators, and (2) traffic at the site during long-term operations and maintenance activities.

The pilot test project will result in significant environmental benefits that are consistent with the Basin Plan and beneficial uses of waters of the State of California, and the project will provide field data that will be used to select a long-term remediation alternative for the PG&E Hinkley Compressor Station site.

## **Mitigation Measures:**

The proposed contingency plans previously described will ensure that potential impacts are identified and effectively mitigated. Therefore, no adverse cumulative impact to water quality or the environment is anticipated.



