

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

Status of Actions July 2026 PG&E Hinkley Chromium Contamination

Chromium Plume Boundary

In general, the First Quarter 2026 groundwater data indicates that plume migration is not occurring. Data does reflect natural fluctuations of chromium concentrations in groundwater as remediation progresses. The First Quarter 2026 chromium plume maps can be viewed on GeoTracker at [First Quarter 2026 Groundwater Monitoring Report and Domestic Well Sampling Results](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?url=9cloj) (<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?url=9cloj>) and are Figures 5-1 through 5-6 of this report.

Chromium plume maps representing previous quarters are posted on the Water Board's Hinkley website at [Water Board's Hinkley website](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahtontan/water_issues/projects/pge/index.shtml) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahtontan/water_issues/projects/pge/index.shtml), at the bottom of the page under the section titled "Other Documents and Information." The Second Quarter 2026 plume map is due on August 10, 2026, consistent with the reporting due dates contained in Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) No. R6V-2015-0068-A1.

Regularly Scheduled Lahontan Water Board Meeting August 6, 2026

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) will be holding a board meeting on August 6, 2026 in Barstow.

Water Board staff will be presenting the annual *Status Report on Cleanup Activities Concerning Chromium Contamination from Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) Hinkley Compressor Station*. Reports will be given by Water Board staff, PG&E representatives, and the Independent Review Panel Manager on actions taken since the last update and planned for this year concerning chromium contamination from PG&E's Hinkley Compressor Station, such as cleanup and remediation efforts and community outreach efforts.

This agenda announcement will be posted to our Lahontan Water Board meeting website at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahtontan/board_info/agenda/2026_schedule.html. Any updates to the meeting details will be posted in the agenda announcement. The board meeting will be held in person and virtually and a recording will be available after the meeting on the Lahontan Water Board meeting website.

Feasibility Study to Evaluate Hexavalent Chromium Background Values

On May 26, 2026, the Water Board released a request for comments on Proposed Investigative Order Requiring Submittal of a Feasibility Study to Evaluate Cleanup Levels for Hexavalent Chromium, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Company, Hinkley Compressor Station, Hinkley, San Bernardino County, Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R6V-2015-0068-A1. Water Board staff solicited public comments on the proposed investigative order requiring a feasibility study. Comments were due to the Water Board on June 26, 2026, and received three comment letters on the draft order. The Investigative Order was issued on July 28, 2026. PG&E is required to submit the final feasibility study by July 28, 2027.

Water Board PG&E Hinkley Chromium Cleanup Webpage

Water Board staff have updated our [PG&E Hinkley Chromium Cleanup Project webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahtontan/water_issues/projects/pge/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahtontan/water_issues/projects/pge/). The project webpage hosts certain documents and announcements related to PG&E's corrective actions, as well as copies of past and current plume maps to access or download and print from the webpage. Please contact Water Board staff with any questions or for assistance.

Your Water Board Staff Contacts

Water Board oversight of the PG&E Hinkley Chromium Cleanup project is provided by staff in the Water Board's Victorville office located at 15095 Amargosa Road, Building 2, Suite 210, Victorville, CA 92394. Your Water Board staff contacts are listed below. Please feel free to contact any of the listed should you need assistance.

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