
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF COVERAGE UNDER STATEWIDE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND WITH A LOW THREAT TO WATER QUALITY, ORDER NO. 2003-0003-DWQ-0174, PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, NATURAL GAS PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT R-532 - DEWATERING DISCHARGE, MERCED COUNTY

On 14 July 2017, the Central Valley Water Board issued a Notice of Applicability (NOA) for coverage under *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land with a Low Threat to Water Quality*, Order No. 2003-0003-DWQ (hereafter General Order) for the discharge of dewatered groundwater to land during replacement of a natural gas transmission line (Project R-535) near Hilmar in Merced County. The NOA was modified on 28 July 2017 to add additional land for discharge.

On 10 July 2018, PG&E submitted a Notice of Termination (NOT) form to terminate coverage of the above project under the General Order, enrollee number 2003-0003-DWQ-0174. Based on the monitoring results submitted on 5 February 2018, about 5.5 million gallons of dewatered groundwater was discharged to about 27 acres of land (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 045-100-023, and 045-330-018) for irrigation of crops during replacement of a natural gas transmission line (Project R-532) between 25 July and 11 September 2017. According to the NOT, the Project is complete and no further discharge is expected. Therefore, coverage under the General Order is terminated.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Carpenter at (559) 445-5551 or via email at kcarpenter@waterboards.ca.gov.

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