

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC CO., L-131 GRADE 1 LEAK EMERGENCY REPAIR PROJECT (WDID# 5B07CR00267), CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

On 6 March 2025, Craig Geldard (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 1 August 2023 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regional General Permit 8 (WQ 2023-0061-DWQ) (General Certification Order) for the L-131 Grade 1 Leak Emergency Repair Project (Project). After review of the notification and the supplemental material submitted by the Applicant, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has determined that the Project qualifies for enrollment under this General Certification Order. The proposed activity took place in approximately 0.08 acre/3,484.8 square feet of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit 8, Emergency Repair and Protection Activities, subject to the conditions and the notification requirements described in the Nationwide Permit ("Special Conditions"). This Notice of Applicability is being issued under the General Certification Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations.

A copy of the [General Certification Order](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2023/rgp-8-certification-mainbody.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2023/rgp-8-certification-mainbody.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage and is enclosed.

The Project was conducted in accordance with the requirements contained in this Notice of Applicability and General Certification Order. The Project is described in the notification form requesting coverage under the General Certification Order, dated 23 May 2023, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 0.68-acre L-131 Grade 1 Leak Emergency Repair Project (Project) consisted of emergency excavation via hand digging, to locate a grade 1 leak along a section of gas transmission line 131. The additional work needed to repair the pipe included widening the excavation pit from approximately 9 feet wide by 12 feet long by 4 feet deep to approximately 12 feet wide by 20 feet long by 7 feet deep, cutting out approximately 10 inches of 24-inch pipe, and replacing the cut out with new pipe in kind. Two sniff holes were excavated located north and south of the leak to ensure gas was not leaking into the replaced section of line where the repair was taking place. Staging occurred in the uplands at two isolation points (above ground valves). Due to the potential for rain, the workspaces were plated to reduce impacts from vehicles and equipment, if necessary. Once cleared of natural gas, the leaking section of pipe was cut out and replaced with 24-inch steel pipe. Access to the project areas occurred via existing dirt roads on property owned by Contra Costa Water District. No road improvements were necessary.

The Project temporarily impacted 0.08 acre/3,484.8 square feet of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project was located at 20650 Marsh Creek Rd.

Latitude: 37° 51' 43.94" and Longitude: -121° 43' 22.81"

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project started construction on 28 February 2025 and was completed on 8 March 2025.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$ 4,212.00 was received on 6 March 2025. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3), and was calculated as category F- Emergency Projects authorized by a Water Board General Order (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Sara Gevorgyan at (916) 464-4710 or Sara.Gevorgyan@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters for:

Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Enclosure: Water Quality Order No. 2023-0061-DWQ Clean Water Act Section 401
Water Quality Certification for Regional General Permit 8 for Emergency
Repair and Protection Activities

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