
Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

Status of Actions January 2025 PG&E Hinkley Chromium Contamination

Chromium Plume Boundary

In general, the Third Quarter 2024 groundwater data indicates that plume migration is not occurring but does reflect natural fluctuations of groundwater concentrations as remediation progresses. The Third Quarter 2024 chromium plume maps can be viewed on GeoTracker at [Third Quarter 2024 Groundwater Monitoring Report and Domestic Well Sampling Results](https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?surl=8d7d3) (<https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/?surl=8d7d3>) 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/lahontan/water_issues/projects/pge/index.shtml) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/water_issues/projects/pge/index.shtml), at the bottom of the page under the section titled "Other Documents and Information." The Fourth Quarter 2024 plume map is due on February 10, 2024, consistent with the reporting due dates contained in Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) No. R6V-2015-0068.

Regularly Scheduled Lahontan Water Board Meeting January 30, 2025

The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) will be holding a board meeting on January 30, 2025, at 9:00 AM at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites located at 2812 Lenwood Road, Barstow, CA 92311.

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 August 2023 update and those planned for this year concerning chromium contamination from PG&E's Hinkley Compressor Station, such as cleanup and remediation efforts and community outreach efforts.

A field tour open to the board members and the public is planned for the afternoon of the board meeting date. The tour will provide an overview of the remedial activities being performed at PG&E's Hinkley Chromium Cleanup site and will view locations that will be discussed during the annual status update at the board meeting.

Field tour participants will be responsible for their own transportation to each site. Participants should consider potential field conditions including uneven ground, adverse

weather, and should wear appropriate footwear and dress accordingly. Participants will be responsible for supplying their own water and food.

Participants will meet at the Hinkley Senior Citizens Club & Community Center 35997 Mountain View Rd, Hinkley, CA 92347. The tour will begin promptly at 1:00 PM and end at the Hinkley Senior Citizens Club & Community Center no later than 4:00 PM.

This agenda announcement will be posted to our Lahontan Water Board meeting website at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/board_info/agenda/2025_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.

Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) R6V-2015-0068 Revision

Water Board staff have begun working with PG&E, the IRP, and the public to determine cleanup goals for this project. On February 20, 2024, the Water Board requested PG&E submit a proposal evaluating the application of the background hexavalent chromium values, as determined in the United States Geological Survey Background Study as a cleanup level(s) for groundwater. On May 15, 2024, PG&E submitted the Hexavalent Chromium Background Value Evaluation to the Water Board. Water Board staff and PG&E will be evaluating values to consider for the cleanup level(s) based on information gained through the USGS Background Study and time to cleanup to background levels.

Water Board staff determined that there was not enough information provided in the Hexavalent Chromium Background Value Evaluation and are working with PG&E to get the information needed to select an appropriate cleanup level. The Water Board will be requiring PG&E submit the information needed.

Water Board staff plan to continue outreach efforts as new information is submitted. These outreach efforts may include listening sessions, workshops, and community meetings. All are invited to participate. Comments will also be accepted via mail, e-mail, and phone. Water Board staff contact is Amanda Lopez, (amanda.lopez@waterboards.ca.gov), 760241-7373.

Routine Monitoring Reports

PG&E submitted the following reports in accordance with the respective monitoring and reporting requirements. Water Board staff are reviewing these routine monitoring reports.

- None

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/lahontan/water_issues/projects/pge/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/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 those listed should you need assistance.

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