

Abstract for PEMA Remediation Seminar Event

Title: Hinkley Community Outreach Program for PG&E's Cr(VI) Groundwater Remediation Program

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PNL serves as the Independent Review Panel (IRP) Manager Team and provides technical consulting and advice to the Hinkley Community regarding PG&E's groundwater remediation of hexavalent chromium [Cr(VI)]. The IRP Manager Team's duties include preparation of an annual report, presentations to the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board), preparation of newsletters every other month, quarterly community meetings, office hours to meet with community members three times a month, and review and responses to technical documents prepared by PG&E and their consultants. Outreach is performed by the IRP Manager Team by building relationships with community members, technical review of documents, and being physically available in the community to meet people. Over 100 residences in Hinkley, California have been visited by the IRP Manager Team. Community drive-through meetings (during Covid), technical workshops, creation and maintenance of a Website, newsletters, technical comment letters, and visual presentation have all been conducted to build an open and trusting relationship between the IRP Manager Team and the Hinkley Community, in particular community members who are interested in understanding the Cr(VI) groundwater remediation program in Hinkley.

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