

# Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212  
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From: San Francisco Bay Regional Water  
Quality Control Board  
1515 Clay St., Ste. 1400  
Oakland, CA 94612

**Project Title:** PG&E Tower Painting Program Waterways Towers Project

**Project Location - Specific:** 37.846422 latitude, -122.380140 longitude; Electrical transmission towers in eight Bay Area counties.

**Project Location - City:** Various **Project Location - County:** Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma Counties

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** PG&E will implement the Tower Painting Program Project to recoat about 780 painted electrical transmission towers located in, or adjacent to, aquatic resources. The towers were originally painted with a variety of paint products, some of which were lead-based paint (LBP). Coating maintenance under the Project will end the use of LBP on electrical transmission towers and recoat the towers with non-LBP.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** PG&E

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080b(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080b(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080b(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption (State Type and Section Number): Class 1 – Existing Facilities (Section 15301)
- Statutory Exemption (State Code Number): \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The project is consistent with a Class 1 categorical exemption under Section 15301(b) of the CEQA guidelines for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.

**If Filed by Applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  
 No

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**Signature:** Brian K. Wines **Date:** July 19, 2021 **Title:** Water Resource Control Engineer