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## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Mr. Meier:

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 326 and Government Code section 15475.1, the Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) has conducted an inspection of work completed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) in accordance with its 2024 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) and determined the existence of a violation. Energy Safety therefore issues PG&E a Notice of Violation (NOV), identifying noncompliance with an approved WMP or any law, regulation, or guideline within the authority of the Office.<sup>1</sup>

On September 11, 2024, Energy Safety conducted an inspection of PG&E's WMP initiatives in the vicinity of the City of Los Gatos, California. The inspection report is enclosed herewith. Energy Safety found the following violation(s):

Violation 1. Energy Safety observed that in implementing 2024 WMP initiative 8.1.2.10.5 - Non-Exempt Expulsion Fuses, PG&E failed to complete non-exempt expulsion fuse replacement on Pole ID 146103, Grid Hardening ID 31658944, at coordinates 37.11868920121737, -121.97500711929922. Energy Safety considers this completeness violation to be in the Minor risk category.

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<sup>1</sup> Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 29302(b)(2)

## Response Options

Energy Safety may prescribe a timeframe for resolution of a violation associated with the assigned risk category.<sup>2</sup> Within 30 days from the issuance date of this NOV, the electrical corporation must provide a response advising Energy Safety of corrective actions taken or planned to remedy the above identified violation(s) and prevent recurrence. Alternatively, the electrical corporation must advise Energy Safety that it will not correct the violation, including the reasoning or justification for inaction and all supporting documentation.<sup>3</sup>

This response shall be filed in the Energy Safety e-Filing system under the 2024 NOV Docket<sup>4</sup> and the associated file name(s) must begin with the NOV identification number provided above.

Pursuant to Government Code section 15475.4, if the electrical corporation intends to request a hearing “to take public comment or present additional information,” it must also do so within the 30-day timeframe. If a petition for hearing is not received by the deadline, then the determination and conditions set forth in this NOV become final.

Prior to its response or request for hearing, the electrical corporation may also request an informal conference with Energy Safety’s Compliance Assurance Division for the purpose of disputing any issues raised in this NOV no later than five (5) business days before the response deadline.<sup>5</sup> Requests for informal conference with Energy Safety must be e-mailed to [compliance@energysafety.ca.gov](mailto:compliance@energysafety.ca.gov), with a copy sent to all Energy Safety Compliance Assurance Division staff identified in the NOV.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 8389(g), following receipt of the electrical corporation’s response to this NOV and resolution of any disputes, this matter may be referred to the California Public Utilities Commission for its consideration of potential enforcement action, as it deems appropriate.

Sincerely,



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<sup>2</sup> Energy Safety Compliance Guidelines, p. 3

<sup>3</sup> Energy Safety Compliance Guidelines, pp. 4-5

<sup>4</sup> <https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/EFiling/DocketInformation.aspx?docketnumber=2024%20NOV>

<sup>5</sup> Energy Safety Compliance Guidelines, p. 4

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# INSPECTION REPORT

## Overview

### Inspection Categories

The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety (Energy Safety) conducts inspections to verify the work performed by an electrical corporation as reported in an approved Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) or subsequent filing, and to assess general conditions of electrical infrastructure that may adversely impact an electrical corporation’s wildfire risk.

A Notice of Violation (NOV) is issued for any instances of noncompliance discovered during an inspection related to an electrical corporation’s execution of its WMP initiatives.

### Correction Timelines

Violations must be corrected in a timely manner. Energy Safety may prescribe a timeframe for resolution of a violation. If Energy Safety assigns a risk category to a violation, an electrical corporation must correct the violation as required per the timelines provided in Table 1.<sup>6</sup>

**Table 1. Risk Category and Correction Timelines**

Risk Category	Violation and defect correction timeline
Severe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Immediate resolution</li></ul>
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 months (in High Fire Threat District (HFTD) Tier 3)</li><li>• 6 months (in HFTD Tier 2)</li><li>• 6 months (if relevant to worker safety; not in HFTD Tiers 2 or 3)</li></ul>
Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 12 months or resolution scheduled in WMP update</li></ul>

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<sup>6</sup> Energy Safety Compliance Guidelines, p. 3



## Inspection Summary

Table 2 provides a summary of the selection of the WMP inspection location and initiative. Table 3 provides a summary of the violation(s) found during the inspection. Details regarding the inspection that identified the violation(s) are provided in the Inspections Details Section below.

### *Table 2: Inspection Location and Initiative Summary*

Electrical Corporation:	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
Report Number:	CAD_PGE_LOK_20240911_1131
Inspector:	Lovepreet Kaur
WMP Year Inspected:	2024
Quarterly Data Report (QDR) Referenced:	Quarter 1 (Q1)
Inspection Selection:	Energy Safety viewed the contents of the Q1 QDR and performed an analysis that resulted in the selection of the WMP initiatives and locations referenced in this report.
Relevant WMP Initiative(s):	8.1.2.10.5 - Non-Exempt Expulsion Fuses
Date of inspection:	September 11, 2024
City and/or County of Inspection:	Los Gatos, Santa Cruz County
Inspection Purpose:	Assess the accuracy of Pacific Gas and Electric’s QDR data, completeness of its work, compliance with WMP requirements, and compliance with its protocols.

**Table 3: WMP Inspection Violation(s)**

Violation #	Structure ID	Grid Hardening ID	Lat/Long	HFTD	Initiative Number	Violation Type	Severity	Violation Description
Violation 1	146103	31658944	37.11868920121737, -121.97500711929922	Tier 3	8.1.2.10.5 - Non-Exempt Expulsion Fuses	Completeness	Minor	Failed to complete work on non-expulsion fuse replacement.

# Inspection Details

## **Violation 1:**

### **Relevant Requirement:**

PG&E's WMP states the following regarding initiative number 8.1.2.10.5 - Non-Exempt Expulsion Fuses:

1. "This program reduces the consequence of potential ignitions by replacement and/or removal of non-exempt fuses. In general, the risk of ignition associated to a fuse on a line is reduced through the complete removal and/or replacement of non-exempt equipment with exempt equipment."<sup>7</sup>

### **Finding:**

On Pole ID 146103, Grid Hardening ID 31658944, at 24152-24212 Santa Cruz Hwy, Los Gatos, CA, 95033, USA, 37.11868920121737, -121.97500711929922, the inspector observed that one of the CalFIRE-exempt fuses was not attached to the cutout. The inspector's observation is documented in Violation 1 photographs, which are attachments to this report. Photo numbers Item1GIimg1, Item1IA1img1, Item1IA1img2, and Item1IA1img3 depict incomplete installation of CalFIRE-exempt fuses. Pacific Gas and Electric Company reported that work on WMP initiative 8.1.2.10.5 – Non-Exempt Expulsion Fuses was completed at this location.

Energy Safety concludes this is a violation because of these facts:

1. One CalFIRE-exempt fuse was not attached to the cutout.

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<sup>7</sup> Pacific Gas and Electric Company, "PG&E 2023-25 Approved Wildfire Mitigation Plan," January 8, 2024, p. 459. [Online]. Available: <https://efiling.energysafety.ca.gov/eFiling/Getfile.aspx?fileid=56145&shareable=true>

# Exhibits

Exhibit A: Photo Log

Structure ID: 146103

Violation 1



Item1Gimg1: Overall Pole.



Item1Gimg2: Pole ID.





**Item1IA1Img1:** View of the empty fuse cutout.



**Item1IA1Img2:** Closeup of the fuse cutout.



**Item1IA1Img3:** Hanging CalFIRE-exempt fuse.