

Vegetation Management Distribution Inspection Procedure

Attachment 7, Focused Tree Inspection Instructions

This attachment provides instructions for performing the Focused Tree Inspections (FTI) program on vegetation that may affect Pacific Gas & Electric Company's (PG&E) overhead electric distribution lines or Facilities in Areas of Concern (AOCs).

To maintain safe and reliable operation, the FTI program focuses Vegetation Management (VM) efforts with qualified Inspectors during annual or second patrols in identified AOCs that have experienced higher volumes of vegetation damage and/or outages.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- REFER to the Target Audience section in the Utility Procedure [TD-7102P-01, "Vegetation Management Distribution Inspection."](#)
- International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ) Inspectors

BEFORE YOU START

- All individuals must complete PG&E Academy training required for inspections prior to performing this procedure.
- Confirm ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification (TRAQ) is current and on record in the appropriate system of record.
- Gather and review the following information:
 - Work assignment(s)
 - Pre-Patrol Report
 - Historical outage data
- Confirm access to the system of record
- Gather the assigned paint color for marking. Refer to the Utility Procedure [TD-7102P-01 "Vegetation Management Distribution Inspection."](#)

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PROCEDURE STEPS

1.1 What To Inspect

1. INSPECT all strike trees.

1.2 Prescribing Vegetation Work

1. When performing a Level 2 inspection of all strike trees, CREATE records of all strike trees in the system of record.
 1. IF a record already exists in the system of record,
 THEN UPDATE the record to the current required prescription.
2. THE VMI must SUBMIT a TRAQ form if any trees that May Fall Into or otherwise Impact PG&E electric Facilities (excluding service drops) meet both of these criteria:
 - a. Probable to fail in the next 15 months
 AND
 - b. Identified as one of these-Prescription Types:
 - Felled Tree
 - Targeted Prune (includes removing one or more structurally unsound branches, dead top or overhang on a live tree, or a single stem of a multi-stemmed tree)
 - Major Dismantles
3. IF any trees are identified as one of these Prescription Types:
 - Aerial Pruning
 - Maintenance
 - Brush
 - No Work

THEN RECORD these Prescription Types in the system of record (they do not require a TRAQ form).



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1.3 Marking a Tree

1. REFER to the Utility Procedure [TD-7102P-01, "Vegetation Management Distribution Inspection"](#) for marking guidelines.

1.4 Notifying the Customer/Property Owner

1. REFER to the Utility Procedure [TD-7102P-01, "Vegetation Management Distribution Inspection"](#) for customer notification.

END of Instructions

DEFINITIONS

REFER to the Definitions Section in the Utility Procedure [TD-7102P-01, "Vegetation Management Distribution Inspection."](#)

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REVISION NOTES

Where?	What Changed?
Entire Document	Updated hyperlinks. Changed phrase from "...has the likelihood to impact PG&E electric facilities..." to "...May Fall Into and otherwise Impact PG&E electric Facilities...."
Definitions Section	Added reference to the Definitions Section in TD-7102P-01, "Vegetation Management Distribution Inspection" procedure.