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		Gas Information Bulletin		
Title:	Atmospheric Services	Corrosion I	Program for Exp	oosed Mains and
SAFETY MANDAT RECOMM	ALERT TORY COMPLIANCE MENDED ACTIONS	GAS ELECTRIC	 DISTRIBUTION TRANSMISSION OPERATIONS SERVICE 	 ESTIMATING MAPPING SUBSTATION ENGR. TRANS./SUB. M&C

The purpose of this bulletin is to communicate the requirement for OM&C to identify, document and evaluate all of the atmospherically exposed mains and services within its geographic area. This is a new requirement in many of the yards, divisions and areas. To comply with a recent Interpretation from the DOT and to comply with the CPUC, PG&E must identify, document and evaluate all of the atmospherically exposed mains and services in 2004 and every three years thereafter. (For the purpose of this requirement, "every three years" means every third calendar year, not to exceed 38 calendar months.) Significant findings must be evaluated and corrected as appropriate. Both above and below ground district regulation stations and maintained valves will be considered as covered as part of their respective routine preventative maintenance work.

Yards and divisions that have a program in place should also verify that they have identified, documented, and evaluated all of the subject facilities within the required 38 calendar months or less cycles. If any facilities have been missed or not included within the previous program, then these facilities are required to be evaluated in 2004 and subsequently within the required 38 calendar months or fewer cycles hence. Due to the limited number of locations within the area, the locations shall be documented and the respective inspections recorded. Discrepancies shall be noted and corrective action documented. The form to be used for exposed gas distribution mains and services is attached to this bulletin.

All forms will be retained in an "Atmospheric Corrosion Records for Exposed Mains and Services" binder. Any sheet with open items will be kept under an "Open Items" tab until all the items have been corrected and appropriately documented. The supervisor will review all open items on a monthly basis to ensure that they are corrected. The sheets with no open items will be filed under a "Completed" tab.

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