

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
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Data Response

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SUBJECT: ASSET INSPECTIONS

The following questions related to PG&E's 2021 Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Update.

QUESTION 06

In PG&E's response to data request CalAdvocates-PGE-R1810007-32, Question 4, PG&E stated, "PG&E did not perform PT&T on a number of poles that, when checked on actual conditions, were identified to be steel poles, customer owned poles, or poles installed within the prior 25 years." This statement was in regard to poles that PG&E checked in 2020 following the discovery that approximately 41,000 poles appeared to have missed the 20 -year intrusive inspection cycle required by General Order 165. Why did PG&E not perform PT&T on those poles installed within the prior 25 years?

ANSWER 06

As of 02/28/2021, PG&E has completed a field verification of all 41,343 poles identified in PG&E's self-report letter. Of this total, we identified 6,214 wood poles where Pole Test and Treat (PT&T) was required. It is unknown why these poles missed the intrusive inspection cycle. We have hired an independent contractor to support a proper causal evaluation to help answer this question and recommend corrective actions.