

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
Wildfire Mitigation Plans Discovery 2023
Data Response

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SUBJECT: 2023-2025 WMP SUBMISSION

QUESTION 002

Per Table 2 in PG&E's Revised Quarterly Data Report for quarter 4 of 2022, PG&E had the following numbers of level 2 and level 3 findings from distribution inspections in the HFTD in 2020, 2021, and 2022:

Distribution Inspection Findings in HFTD			
	2020	2021	2022
Detailed Inspection Level 2 findings	48,309	21,193	4,542
Detailed Inspection Level 3 findings	13,024	823	107
Patrol Inspection Level 2 findings	200	104	20
Patrol Inspection Level 3 findings	15	2	0
Other Inspection Level 2 findings	10,131	12,195	3,031
Other Inspection Level 3 findings	866	381	70

- a) Please state the factors to which PG&E attributes the significant reduction in level 2 findings from detailed inspections in 2022, compared to 2020 and 2021.
- b) Please state the factors to which PG&E attributes the significant reduction in level 3 findings from detailed inspections in 2022, compared to 2020 and 2021.
- c) Please state the factors to which PG&E attributes the significant reduction in level 2 findings from patrol inspections in 2022, compared to 2020 and 2021.
- d) Please state the factors to which PG&E attributes the significant reduction in level 3 findings from patrol inspections in 2022, compared to 2020 and 2021.
- e) Please state the factors to which PG&E attributes the significant reduction in level 2 findings from other inspections in 2022, compared to 2020 and 2021.

- f) Please state the factors to which PG&E attributes the significant reduction in level 3 findings from other inspections in 2022, compared to 2020 and 2021.
- g) Please list the types of inspections covered under “Other Inspection” in Table 2.

ANSWER 002

After reviewing the data to provide a response to this request, PG&E realized that the data provided in our prior submission was incorrect. This discrepancy was the result of an Excel error that occurred when PG&E revised Table 2 with the additional inspection type details required for Q4 2022. Please see attachment “*WMP-Discovery2023_DR_CalAdvocates_021-Q002Atch01.docx*” for updated distribution inspection findings in HFTD from 2020 to 2022. Based on this corrected data, PG&E address the patterns in the findings below.

- (a) & (b) For our detailed ground inspections, increases in findings over these three years (particularly in 2022) in both Tier 2 and Tier 3 HFTD areas can be attributed to our renewed focus on training and quality of inspections. These key improvements to our inspection process included the following:
 - The addition of indicators for ignition risk conditions on training material
 - Fully deployed desk and field review by the in-house inspection team
 - Weekly sessions with supervisors to review findings and misses
 - The increased prominence of certain questions on the inspection checklist in 2022 likely increased certain level 2 findings
- (c) & (d) For our patrol inspections, given the overall very low numbers of L2 and Level 3 findings in HFTD areas from patrols, we cannot conclude that there are any patterns over these three years in Tier 2 or Tier 3.
- (e) & (f) For our other inspections, the increases in tag findings in 2021 were a result of two inspection validation efforts:
 - PG&E inspectors field validated a tree connect inventory and identified dead and dying trees for replacement; and
 - PG&E troubleshooters field checked inventoried idle facilities.
- (g) “Other Inspections” include distribution notifications generated from PG&E’s pole test and treat inspection and aerial pilot as well as notifications that are not from inspection programs, which include notifications generated by the construction, restoration, estimating, and work verification teams.