

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

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SUBJECT: 2023-2025 WMP SUBMISSION

QUESTION 015

Regarding the “Defensible Space Inspection” described in section 8.2.2.3.1 of PG&E’s WMP, PG&E states:

“Landowner related issues continue to prevent PG&E from achieving 100 percent defensible space completion status at locations where substation defensible space zones extend into privately owned property.”¹⁸

- a) Where substation defensible space zones extend into privately owned property, what is PG&E’s process for completing defensible space inspections?
- b) What actions does PG&E plan to take during the 2023-2025 WMP period to address landowner related issues in order to achieve the highest possible defensible space completion status?

ANSWER 015

- a) When defensible space zones extend onto private property, outreach to such landowners is made in advance to obtain permission to enter and conduct inspection. If access is granted, the inspection is executed with fuel reduction and PRC 4291 compliance prescription determined. If access is denied and found to be without applicable easements, other land rights or valid entry agreements, the inspection record will reflect a “refusal” and documented for future reference as PG&E does not have the right to conduct defensible space inspections on property not owned by the Company.
- b) Annual defensible space inspections do serve as an opportunity to re-engage prior refusal landowners. Changes of ownership, changes in landowner opinion, new local agency defensible space ordinances or code often support reversal in status.

¹⁸ PG&E’s WMP, p. 532.