

# Frequently Asked Questions

## PCBs at Valley Generating Station



In compliance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) Toxic Substances Control Act, soil disturbance activity at the Valley Generating Station (Valley Gen) requires soil sampling and testing. This includes testing for chemical substances such as PCBs. Soil PCB levels are **below** applicable cleanup levels for current construction activities.

Further, the US EPA requires LADWP to comply with South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) rules, which includes posting signs. LADWP has taken additional steps to advise the nearby community with an online post and hand-delivered notices.

### 1. What are PCBs?

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) are organic chemicals that were manufactured in the U.S. from 1929 until they were banned in 1979. PCBs were used for a broad range of industrial and commercial applications, including but not limited to, electrical and heat transfer equipment, paints, plastics, rubber, pigments, dyes, and carbonless copy paper. Visit [www.epa.gov/pcbs](http://www.epa.gov/pcbs) for more information.

### 2. What are the suspected sources of the PCBs?

Known sources of PCBs at Valley Gen include soil and electrical equipment.

### 3. How long has LADWP been investigating the PCB thresholds at Valley Generating Station site?

PCBs at the site have been under investigation since 2002.

### 4. What measures does LADWP take to prevent fugitive dust emissions during construction activities?

LADWP crews received SCAQMD Dust Control Measures Training and will conduct continuous upwind and downwind air monitoring during excavation activity. LADWP will implement the following:

- Apply dust suppressant to excavated materials before loading onto trucks.
- Maintain a minimum distance between the soil and the top of the truck bed/trailer while on site.
- Cover soils completely prior to leaving the site.

### 5. Who can I talk to for more information?

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