



South Bay Power Plant Timeline

1957: SDG&E begins physical planning for the development of the SBPP, to be sited on San Diego Bay in Chula Vista, with construction beginning in 1958.

1960: Unit 1, the first of the plant's four units, goes online, powered by fuel oil.

1962, 1964, 1971: Units 2, 3 and 4 go online.

1981: The plant, operating at full capacity, could generate 700 megawatts. The plant's air emissions this year totaled an estimated 5,800 tons, according to the operator.

1998-1999: Port of San Diego acquires the plant from SDG&E with the stated goal of eventually demolishing it, once state regulators determine that the plant is no longer needed for the regional power grid.

1999: The Port leases the power plant to Duke Energy.

2005: South Bay Power Plant switches from fuel oil to natural gas. By this time it is operating at reduced capacity, mainly at peak times of the year.

2006: Duke Energy transfers ownership to LS Power, which then transfers its operations to Dynegy.

Dec. 31, 2009: Units 3 and 4 are retired.

October 15, 2010: California Independent System Operator notifies Dynegy that the plant can be taken out of service because it is no longer needed for the power grid.

December 31, 2010: Units 1 and 2 are retired and the plant is shut down.

January 1, 2011: Dynegy South Bay, Inc. begins the decommissioning process, which includes the disconnection of electrical lines and the removal of fuels and liquids.

June 2011: On-site asbestos abatement work begins.

June 2012: Dynegy South Bay, Inc. obtains permits from the California Coastal Commission and the City of Chula Vista to demolish the above-ground structures on the site.

August 2012: Silverado Contractors, the company hired by Dynegy to conduct the demolition, begins on-site preparations for an implosion.

September 2012: The California Coastal Commission grants an amendment to the Coastal Development Permit permitting the demolition in one implosion rather than two, allowing for reduced public impacts.

February 2013: Scheduled implosion.

After the implosion: The site will be cleared of debris and environmental remediation and below-ground demolition work will take place.

Future: Site will eventually be redeveloped with a public park along with a public RV park, an industrial business park and buffer zones as part of the Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan.