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San Bruno Media Update

Monday, September 27, 2010

Updated 6:00 p.m.

Summary

A majority of this afternoon's coverage followed Rep. Jackie Speier's proposed legislation to require pipeline operators to install automatic shut off valves and inform homeowners if they live near gas transmission lines. Coverage also continued from this morning's *Los Angeles Times* article about PG&E gas lines leaking more than other comparable operators. In later reports, PG&E said the analysis was flawed because different utility companies use different measurement techniques.

Developments to Date

- Rep. Jackie Speier announced legislation in San Bruno to force pipeline operators to equip their lines with automatic shut off valves and require utilities to tell homeowners if they live near gas mains
- PG&E said *The Los Angeles Times'* analysis was flawed because different utility companies use different measurement techniques

Print Media Coverage

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 27, 2010

San Jose Mercury News

Speier to introduce gas pipe legislation after deadly blast

By Joshua Melvin

September 27, 2010

Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Hillsborough, announced this morning legislation that would force natural gas pipeline operators across the country to equip their lines with automatic shut off valves and require the utilities to tell homeowners if they live near gas mains.

http://www.mercurynews.com/top-stories/ci_16187604

The Los Angeles Times Blog

Stricter regulations proposed in wake of San Bruno gas pipeline explosion

September 27, 2010 | 12:39 pm

Standing at the crater that marks ground zero of the gas pipeline explosion that devastated the community of San Bruno earlier this month, Rep. Jackie Speier (D-San Francisco) on Monday announced legislation that would mandate stricter regulations of gas pipelines nationwide.

Among other requirements, the proposed Pipeline Safety and Community Empowerment Act of 2010, which Speier plans to introduce Tuesday, would mandate the installation of automatic or remote shutoff valves in areas of high seismic risk and on other pipelines in high-population-density areas.

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2010/09/stricter-regulations-proposed-in-wake-of-san-bruno-gas-pipeline-explosion.html>

KGO-TV online

Speier urges to modernize gas shutoff systems

By Janelle Wang

September 27, 2010

Congresswoman Jackie Speier, D-San Mateo, took action to try and increase government oversight of natural gas pipelines. She did so in the San Bruno neighborhood, devastated by an explosion.

Speier announced a new bill that would strengthen natural gas pipeline regulation.

<http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/peninsula&id=7690976>

The Bay Citizen

Rep. Speier Bill Gets Tough on PG&E

Congresswoman proposes new measures for utilities and the regulators that monitor them

By Shoshana Walter

September 27, 2010 - 12:56 p.m. PDT

Utility companies would be required to install automatic shut-off valves on all gas

transmission pipelines running through residential areas and to produce information on the location of the lines under proposed legislation introduced today by Rep. Jackie Speier.

At a news conference this morning, Speier announced the bill, which would require PG&E to significantly modernize their pipeline system in the wake of the disastrous gas pipe explosion in San Bruno on September 9.

<http://www.baycitizen.org/san-bruno-explosion/story/speier-calls-pipeline-legislation/>

San Bruno Patch

Rep. Jackie Speier said she is proposing a bill Tuesday that would require more oversight for the country's aging natural gas transmission line system.

By Martin Ricard | 12:57pm

Rep. Jackie Speier today announced that she is proposing a bill that would provide more transparency and more oversight for the many natural gas pipelines that run underneath cities throughout the country.

Standing in front of the 167-foot crater left on Earl Avenue by the Sept. 9 gas explosion and fire, Speier, D-Hillsborough, said it's taken too long for natural gas companies and regulators to pay attention to aging gas pipelines and the concerns that knowingly exist with them.

<http://sanbruno.patch.com/articles/speier-to-propose-gas-pipeline-safety-bill>

San Rafael Patch

City Officials to Meet with PG&E Next Week

Will discuss pipelines and safety issues

By Nancy Isles Nation

City officials will meet with senior Pacific Gas and Electric Co. staff next week to discuss gas pipelines located along Highway 101 and along Lindero Street and Albert Park Drive.

City Manager Ken Nordhoff said the discussions will include details about where lines are situated throughout the city, how they are being monitored and inspected, and whether they are seismically safe.

<http://sanrafael.patch.com/articles/city-officials-to-meet-with-pge-next-week>

ABC-Fresno

Report: PG&E gas lines leaks up by 40-percent

By Staff

September 27, 2010

A new report says natural gas pipelines operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company leak six times more often than lines operated by comparable companies.

Figures analyzed by The Los Angeles Times show PG&E reported more leaking natural gas lines under populated areas than other nationwide utility companies. The newspaper reports the national average of leaking pipelines has declined 30-percent recently but PG&E's went up by 40-percent.

<http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/state&id=7689449>

Reuters

PG&E defends gas safety record after news report

Mon Sep 27, 2010 9:54pm GMT

Pacific Gas & Electric Co defended its safety record on Monday after a newspaper report found PG&E's leak rate in key parts of its gas pipeline network compared badly with similar-sized utilities.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFN2718875920100927>

Platts

Corrosion potential probed after San Bruno gas pipeline blast

By Stephanie Seay

September 27, 2010

While state and federal regulators continue their investigation into the fatal pipeline explosion along Pacific Gas and Electric's system, one area coming under more scrutiny is work the utility performed at a nearby regulating station to prevent the flow of liquids into adjacent pipelines.

A year ago, the utility told California regulators it was concerned about liquids flowing into pipelines connected to its Milpitas terminal, including Line 132. It was a portion of this transmission line that ruptured and caught fire on September 9, killing seven residents and destroying 37 homes.

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/HeadlineNews/NaturalGas/647>

KPCC-FM online (Southern California Public Radio)

Senate hearing to focus on pipeline explosion

The San Bruno natural gas pipeline explosion is front and center at a U.S. Senate hearing tomorrow on Capitol Hill. Top officials from the Northern California city and PG&E will testify. California's senior senator is the first witness.

Usually, Sen. Dianne Feinstein asks the questions at Senate hearings. This time, she's testifying before the Commerce Committee about the explosion south of San Francisco that killed seven people and destroyed more than three dozen homes.

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2010/09/27/senate-hearing-pipeline-explosion/>

Broadcast Coverage

National California

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KRON-TV (My Network TV) CH 4, San Francisco, CA
9/27/2010, 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Full coverage

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KTVU-TV (FOX) CH 2, San Francisco, CA
9/27/2010, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Full coverage

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KPIX-TV (CBS) CH 5, San Francisco, CA
9/27/2010, 5:00 - 5:30 PM

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