

# San Bruno Media Update

## Thursday, September 30, 2010

### Updated 6:00 p.m.

#### Summary

Today's coverage surrounding PG&E and the San Bruno accident slowed dramatically, and covered a variety of topics. UPI reported PG&E's suggested benchmarks for safety should be considered by regulatory authorities. *The Milpitas Post* reports Councilwoman Althea Polanski is growing impatient about a presentation to the Council that has been delayed due to the San Bruno incident. Other regional publications are writing about their own regions' concerns in response to the San Bruno explosion.

#### Developments to Date

- PG&E wants safety benchmarks
- Milpitas Councilwoman concerned PG&E presentation delayed due to San Bruno incident

#### Print Media Coverage

**5:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Thursday, September 30, 2010**

##### **Milpitas Post**

PG&E SmartMeter presentation, gas line status on agenda

By Ian Bauer

September 30, 2010

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.'s presentation to the Milpitas City Council last week regarding the installation and operation of SmartMeters on Milpitas homes and businesses was delayed again.

For almost a year, PG&E's rollout of its controversial SmartMeters has included customer complaints alleging spiking utility bills, meter malfunctions and a generally inaccurate reading of electricity usage. PG&E has insisted the new meters more accurately register power usage for its customers than older systems thereby saving customers and the utility money.

[http://www.mercurynews.com/milpitas/ci\\_16218349?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/milpitas/ci_16218349?nclick_check=1)

##### **Footnoted.com**

PG&E tries to manage the heat from San Bruno explosion...

By Sonya Hubbard

September 30, 2010

Since September 9, when one of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) natural gas transmission pipes ruptured and resulted in the San Bruno fire, the company filed four SEC filings that mention the explosion. PG&E – which has about 20,000 employees and delivers electricity and natural gas to about 15 million people in northern and central California – is a subsidiary of PG&E Corporation.

<http://www.footnoted.com/uncategorized/event/pge-tries-to-manage-the-heat-from-san-bruno-explosion/>

## **UPI**

PG&E wants safety benchmarks

By UPI Staff

September 30, 2010

Benchmarks for safety and testing for pipeline operators should be considered by regulatory authorities, Pacific Gas and Electric Co. told U.S. lawmakers.

A natural gas pipeline burst Sept. 9, sparking a massive fireball that ripped through a San Bruno, Calif., neighborhood. The explosion killed seven people and destroyed 37 homes. Authorities say they believe internal corrosion may have led to the failure of the pipeline.

[http://www.upi.com/Science\\_News/Resource-Wars/2010/09/30/PGE-wants-safety-benchmarks/UPI-32751285855029/](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/Resource-Wars/2010/09/30/PGE-wants-safety-benchmarks/UPI-32751285855029/)

## **Mercury News**

Tennis Tournament Oct. 16 for San Bruno Fire Victims

By Joy Hitzeman

Pacifica Tennis Club

Posted: 09/30/2010

The Pacifica Tennis Club is hosting a tennis tournament on Sat. Oct. 16 at Skyline College to benefit the San Bruno fire victims. This will be a mixed doubles tournament for both the intermediate and advanced skill levels. One hundred percent of the proceeds PTC receives from the participants in this tournament will be donated to the Glenview Fire Recovery Fund which was set up by the City of San Bruno with First National Bank. One hundred percent of the money from this fund goes to the families affected by the fire.

[http://www.mercurynews.com/ci\\_16198579](http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_16198579)

## **San Francisco Examiner**

Blast shocks San Bruno real estate market

By Shaun Bishop

September 30, 2010

The gas pipeline explosion that devastated a San Bruno neighborhood is likely to also deal a blow to home values in the area, though how big the drops will be and how long they will last is anybody's guess, local real estate experts say.

Since the Sept. 9 blast that killed eight people and destroyed 37 homes, there have been no home sales in the affected Crestmoor neighborhood, so it's difficult to gauge the effect on the market, officials say.

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/Blast-shocks-real-estate-market-104053039.html>

## **IPS**

Fatal Blast Puts Focus on Web of Gas Pipelines

By Matthew Cardinale

September 30, 2010

Television stations across the U.S. broadcast dramatic images of firefighters spraying water on the gigantic fires which followed the explosion on Sep. 9 and destroyed 37 homes, killed eight people, and injured over 50 others.

"A full investigation must take place in the coming days to determine the cause of this horrible accident, and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has already

dispatched a team to California," Speaker of the U.S. House, Rep. Nancy Pelosi, said in a statement.

<http://www.ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=53014>

### **Canon City Daily Record**

Pipe Neglect Has Deadly Consequences

By Staff

September 30, 2010

As firefighters in Colorado battled disastrous forest fires, their counterparts in California faced their own terrible blaze.

A 60-year-old gas line in San Bruno exploded Sept. 10, killing seven people, injuring at least 50, destroying 37 homes and damaging many more.

<http://www.canoncitydailyrecord.com/Opinion-story.asp?ID=14795>

### **Gladstone Observer**

Farmers worried over gas pipelines

By Kieran Moran

September 30, 2010

FARMERS along the proposed coal seam gas (CSG) pipeline from Gladstone to the Surat Basin are warning of gas explosions, damaged agricultural land and contaminated water supplies.

Reports that natural gas explosions have killed 67 people and injured 280 others in the US over the past five years have caused experts to question the ability of regulatory authorities to adequately control this new and expanding industry.

<http://www.gladstoneobserver.com.au/story/2010/09/30/farmers-are-worried-over-gas-pipelines/>

### **MyCentralJersey.com**

Pipeline Companies ease safety concerns in Hillsborough

By Pamela Sroka-Holzmann

September 30, 2010

Major pipelines responsible for transporting gas and liquid petroleum in the township are continuously monitored by trained and qualified personnel.

This was the message sent repeatedly Tuesday evening as Spectra Energy, Williams Company and Buckeye Partners — the three major pipeline companies in the township — provided presentations before the public. The presentations were requested by Mayor Frank DeCore following pipeline explosions in California and Virginia.

<http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20100930/NEWS/9300359/Pipeline-Companies-ease-safety-concerns-in-Hillsborough>

### **WeHoNews.com**

City Infrastructure to get inspection

By Staff

September 30, 2010

West Hollywood, California (September 30, 2010) - In response to the gas line explosion in San Bruno earlier this month, West Hollywood's newest council member called for a safety inspection and evaluation of city-owned infrastructure.

She also wants energy companies serving WeHo to make their own inspections and to report on the results to the city.

<http://wehonet.com/z/wehonet/archive/page.php?articleID=5398>

## **Palos Verdes Peninsula News**

Mayors report on economy, infrastructure at State of the Cities

By Jeremiah Dobruck

September 30, 2010

Almost all of the Hill's cities reported some economic recovery at the Peninsula Coordinating Council's annual State of the Cities address, but balancing that slow growth with the need for infrastructure improvements was the major theme at the Peninsula Center Library last Thursday.

Three mayors and Councilman Frank Hill, representing Rolling Hills, invoked the scandal in Bell, the San Bruno pipeline explosion and the state's attempts to balance its budget, while they gave an update on their on cities.

[http://www.pvnews.com/articles/2010/09/30/local\\_news/news2.txt](http://www.pvnews.com/articles/2010/09/30/local_news/news2.txt)

## **Broadcast Coverage**

### **National**

### **Local**

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KRON 4 Morning News

KRON-TV

Full Coverage

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Great Day

KMPH-TV

Full Coverage

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News Channel 3 In The Morning

KESQ-TV

Full Coverage

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KTVU Morning News

KTVU-TV

Coverage begins at :45

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CBS 5 Eyewitness News At 5 AM

KPIX-TV

Full Coverage

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KCAL 9 News At 4:00 PM

KCAL-TV

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