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## **San Bruno Media Update**

### **Friday, September 24, 2010**

### **Updated 12:00 p.m.**

#### **Summary**

This morning, coverage looked at the possibility that the San Bruno incident may be due to microbial bacteria corroding the pipeline. Central Valley news outlets continued to report that a gas leak in a Fresno prompted a neighborhood evacuation.

#### **Developments to Date**

- Media outlets reported on the possibility microbial bacteria could be a potential cause of the San Bruno incident
- Central Valley media also continued to report that a gas leak in Fresno prompted the evacuation of a local neighborhood

#### **Print Media Coverage**

**5:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 24, 2010**

**UPI**

California to convene panel on gas blast

By Staff

September 24, 2010

Additional experts are called on to examine what caused a deadly natural gas explosion in San Bruno, Calif., the state's public utilities commission said.

A natural gas pipeline burst Sept. 9, sparking a massive fireball that ripped through the region. The explosion killed seven people and destroyed 37 homes.

[http://www.upi.com/Science\\_News/Resource-Wars/2010/09/24/California-to-convene-panel-on-gas-blast/UPI-86681285337044/](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/Resource-Wars/2010/09/24/California-to-convene-panel-on-gas-blast/UPI-86681285337044/)

### **Mill Valley Patch**

San Bruno fire puts locals on high alert

By Jim Welte

September 24, 2010

A resident of Redacted in the Blithedale Canyon neighborhood called Mill Valley Police last weekend to report that she smelled gas. The woman told police that Pacific Gas & Electric officials were at her house several weeks prior and told her that there has been an underground gas leak in the vicinity for several years but it's not dangerous.

<http://millvalley.patch.com/articles/san-bruno-fire-puts-locals-on-high-alert>

### **California Chronicle**

Ratepayers probably on the hook for Pacific Gas & Electric's neglect

By Ralph E. Stone

September 24, 2010

On September 9, 2010, a gas pipeline segment exploded in San Bruno, California, killing seven, injuring many others, destroying 53 homes, and damaging at least 120 others. On September 20th, Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) released a list of its top 100 "projects," or aging pipelines, in need of replacement or repair. The San Bruno pipeline segment wasn't even on the list. Regulators had approved PG&E's request for \$4.9 million to repair the South San Francisco segment of the pipeline, but PG&E spent the money elsewhere, and then in 2009 came back with a request for \$5 million more to do the job.

<http://www.californiachronicle.com/articles/view/187261>

### **Merced Sun-Star**

Officials keeping Merced-area gas lines safe

By Ameera Butt

September 24, 2010

Merced can breathe easier about gas lines.

That diagnosis comes from both city and PG&E officials.

Stan Murdock, director of Public Works operations, said the department's role in a gas leak

would be to provide support and services in the form of barricades or backhoes to the fire department and police.

<http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2010/09/24/1582330/officials-keeping-merced-area.html>

## Broadcast Online Coverage

### KGO-TV – online

Report: Microbes considered culprit in San Bruno fire

By Janelle Wang

September 24, 2010

PG&E is investigating the intriguing and frightening possibility that microbes inside a natural gas pipe may have caused the deadly San Bruno explosion two weeks ago

This possible cause is called microbiologically influenced corrosion. The report came out in the San Francisco Chronicle Friday morning. It's basically microbes that thrive, go undetected in a tiny pool of stagnant water inside a pipeline, and then start eating away on the metal causing it to corrode.

<http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/peninsula&id=7686877>

## Broadcast Coverage

### **National Coverage    Local Coverage**

NOTE: These video clips are being captured electronically in real time. Cleaner and more accurate start/stop clips will be collected at a later date.

(None)

Clip

KSWB-TV (FOX) CH 69, San Diego, CA

9/24/2010, 6:00 - 7:00 AM

Clip begins 0:55

Clip

KPIX-TV (CBS) CH 5, San Francisco, CA

9/24/2010, 6:00 - 7:00 AM

Clip ends early

Full coverage available [here](#)

Clip

KMPH-TV (FOX) CH 26, Fresno/Visalia, CA

9/24/2010, 5:00 - 6:00 AM

Clip begins 0:11

Clip

KTVU-TV (FOX) CH 2, San Francisco, CA

9/24/2010, 7:00 - 8:00 AM

Full coverage

Clip

KGO-TV (ABC) CH 7, San Francisco, CA

9/24/2010, 5:00 - 6:00 AM

Full coverage available [here](#)