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San Bruno Media Update

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Updated 6:00 p.m.

Summary

In an interview with CNBC's "Power Lunch," PG&E President and CEO Peter Darbee discussed how the company has worked to provide immediate relief to those affected by the San Bruno incident. Darbee also addressed how the company is taking the proper safety measures to ensure an incident like this does not happen again. Officials have confirmed, through DNA analysis, the deaths of three more individuals, bringing the official death count to seven. This story was picked up by several outlets, including the Associated Press, San Francisco Chronicle and several local broadcast affiliates throughout California. The Los Angeles Times also reported that California Senators Barbra Boxer and Diane Feinstein plan to introduce legislation that calls for more rigid standards for pipeline safety.

Developments to Date

- The official death count of the San Bruno incident has been officially raised to seven
- California Senators Barbra Boxer and Diane Feinstein plan to introduce the "Strengthening Pipeline Safety and Enforcement Act of 2010" to increase oversight of natural gas pipelines

- PG&E's President and CEO, Peter Darbee, appeared on CNBC's "Power Lunch" to discuss PG&E's response to the San Bruno Incident

Print Media Coverage

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 22, 2010

The Associated Press

Coroner: Pipeline explosion death toll climbs to 7

By Juliana Barbassa

September 22, 2010

Officials on Wednesday confirmed the deaths of three members of a family from a pipeline explosion that ripped through a residential suburb, bringing the total number of victims to seven.

Investigators used DNA to identify Lavonne Bullis, 85, and her son Gregory Bullis, 50, as victims of the Sept. 9 blast. Gregory Bullis' son, William James Bullis, 17, was identified after an examination of remains found at the family's home in San Bruno.

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5ihhSASfp7FCx3lupJn3PQ_N3UQlwD9II

AOL News

Death Toll in San Bruno Gas Explosion Officially Raised to Seven

By David Knowles

September 22, 2010

As expected, the news gets worse: On Wednesday, the death toll from the Sept. 9 natural gas explosion and resulting inferno in San Bruno, Calif. was raised to seven people.

Initially, four people were identified as being killed in the horrific accident that destroyed 37 homes. But authorities cautioned all along the toll could rise as time went on and the charred remains of the properties were thoroughly searched. Other reports even lead with seven dead before the official confirmation today.

<http://www.aolnews.com/surge-desk/article/san-bruno-gas-explosion-death-toll-rises-to-seven/19644967>

San Francisco Chronicle

San Bruno death toll now 7

By Chronicle Staff

September 22, 2010

The death toll from the San Bruno natural gas pipeline explosion and fire officially rose to seven today, with confirmation that three members of a family were killed in the Sept. 9

disaster.

Gregory Bullis, 50, a nurse; his mother, Lavonne Bullis, 85; and his son William Bullis, 17, died at the family's home at 1690 Claremont Drive when the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. pipeline ruptured and exploded into a fireball, the San Mateo County coroner's office said.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/09/22/BAGN1FHUIC.DTL>

Los Angeles Times

Feinstein, Boxer propose tougher gas pipeline regulation in wake of San Bruno blast

By John Hoeffel

September 22, 2010

California's two U.S. senators introduced a bill Wednesday that would impose strict new pipeline safety standards and add federal inspectors in the wake of the Sept. 9 natural gas explosion in San Bruno that killed seven people and burned 37 houses to the ground.

The 23-page bill sponsored by Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, both Democrats, would require manual valves to be replaced by automatic electronic valves, mandate in-line inspection devices and require federal officials to set standards for leak detection devices.

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2010/09/feinstein-and-boxer-propose-tougher-gas-pipeline-regulation-in-wake-of-deadly-san-bruno-blast.html>

KGO-TV (ABC) San Francisco – Online

Crews rupture gas line at Cal State East Bay

By Cecilia Vega

September 22, 2010

A gas leak at California State University East Bay, this morning has added chaos to the first day of school, a campus spokesman said.

Not much seems to be affected by this ruptured gas line. PG&E crews repaired the two inch gas line that runs through the southern edge of campus at about 10:45 a.m.

http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/east_bay&id=7682589

KNTV-TV (NBC) San Francisco – Online

Final San Bruno remains identified

By Lori Preuitt

September 22, 2010

It took the San Mateo County coroner nearly two weeks, but Wednesday he confirmed three more people had died in the PG&E pipeline explosion.

The release brings the official death total to seven.

Coroner Robert Foucrault said Wednesday that investigators had to use DNA from remains found inside a home at 1690 Claremont near the blast site in order to positively identify a mother, son and grandson. He said he told the family late Tuesday.

<http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local-beat/San-Bruno-Remains-Identified-103559639.html>

San Jose Mercury News

San Bruno pipeline disaster makes Milpitas a lot more aware of its aging infrastructure

By Milpitas Post Staff

September 22, 2010

It was more than a half century ago that the Milpitas Post featured on its cover the exciting news that "the Big Inch" natural gas pipeline that started 1,500 miles away in Texas was finished. Milpitas was proud to claim to be the hub terminal of what would become a network of feeder gas lines throughout the region up the Peninsula and the East Bay.

It was welcomed as important progress and a special feather in Milpitas' cap to be at the heart of it.

http://www.mercurynews.com/milpitas/ci_16145820

San Jose Mercury News

Milpitas gas pipeline hub probed for blast clues

By Ian Bauer

September 22, 2010

As the National Transportation and Safety Board completed its investigative field work at a major gas pipeline transfer site known as the Milpitas Terminal in connection with the deadly Sept. 9 San Bruno explosion, Pacific Gas & Electric Co. notified Milpitas officials about other natural gas pipeline segments running beneath the city in need of study.

Noting PG&E's release Monday of a list of 100 California gas line segments that most need evaluation due to age or the potential for movement from seismic activity, City Manager Tom Williams said the utility reported a 34-inch gas line that runs underneath Milpitas is the same line that runs toward San Francisco and was the source of the San Bruno catastrophe. He added a 10-foot section of that line located near Interstate 880 and West Calaveras Boulevard made the list.

http://www.mercurynews.com/milpitas/ci_16145823?nclick_check=1

Broadcast Coverage

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

National Coverage Local Coverage

Power Lunch

[Clip & Clip](#)

CNBC

9/22/2010, 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Full Coverage; cuts off early

The Noon News

[Clip](#)

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

9/22/2010, 12:00 - 12:30 PM

Full coverage

NBC 7/39 First News At 4 PM

[Clip](#)

KNSD-TV (NBC) CH 39, San Diego, CA

9/22/2010, 4:00 - 4:30 PM

Story begins at 00:47

KRON 4 News At 4

[Clip](#)

KRON-TV (My Network TV) CH 4, San Francisco, CA

9/22/2010, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Story begins at 00:45

KSEE 24 News At 4PM

[Clip](#)

KSEE-TV (NBC) CH 24, Fresno/Visalia, CA

9/22/2010, 4:00 - 4:30 PM

Story begins at 00:42

CBS 5 Eyewitness News At Noon

[Clip](#)

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

9/22/2010, 12:00 - 12:30 PM

Story begins at 00:50