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## San Bruno Media Update

### Tuesday, September 28, 2010

#### Updated 6:00 a.m.

#### Summary

Coverage on Monday evening and this morning continued to discuss 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. The *San Francisco Chronicle* reported that equipment failure at the Milpitas terminal is being investigated.

Media Relations proactively reached out to reporters to ensure that they had the background and context of the numbers that were included in Monday's *Los Angeles Times* story.

#### Developments to Date

- The California Senate Public Safety Committee and the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee will hold a joint hearing Tuesday, Oct. 19.
- Rep. Jackie Speier will introduce the Pipeline Safety and Community Empowerment Act of 2010 today.

#### Print Media Coverage

**6:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. Monday, September 27, 2010-Tuesday,**

## September 28, 2010

### The San Francisco Chronicle

Blast Probe Looking at Equipment Failure

By Demian Bulwa

September 25, 2010

A few hours before a Pacific Gas and Electric Co. natural gas pipeline ruptured in a San Bruno neighborhood, killing seven people, the utility had a problem with an important piece of equipment at the Milpitas operations terminal where the pipeline originated, federal investigators said Monday.

The National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating the Sept. 9 blast, said PG&E crews had been working in the Milpitas terminal on replacing an uninterruptible power supply system, or UPS, which is designed to make sure that electricity remains constant in the event of a blackout.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/09/27/MNN31FKI5T.DTL>

### Los Angeles Times

By Lee Romney

September 28, 2010

House Bill to Tighten Gas Line Regulations is Introduced

Reporting from San Bruno —

Standing at the crater that marks ground zero of the gas explosion that recently devastated this community, Rep. [Jackie Speier](#) (D-Hillsborough) announced legislation Monday that would mandate stricter regulations of gas pipelines nationwide.

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

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-0928-san-bruno-20100928,0,7821635.story>

### The Bay Citizen

San Bruno Explosion Coming to Senate

By Katharine Meszkowski

September 27, 2010

The political fallout from the San Bruno explosion continues: Two California state Senate committees will hold a joint hearing Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 9:30 a.m. on the maintenance of natural gas pipelines.

The Senate Public Safety Committee and the Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee will hold the hearing at the state Capitol. "There are questions that need to be answered about the tragic explosion that destroyed a San Bruno neighborhood earlier this

month,” said Sen. Mark Leno, who chairs the Senate Public Safety Committee, in a statement. “We hope to have thoughtful and deliberative public hearings that closely examine the roles and responsibilities of PG&E and the CPUC regarding gas pipeline safety.”

<http://www.baycitizen.org/blogs/pulse-of-the-bay/san-bruno-explosion-coming-senate/>

### **The Bay Citizen**

PG&E Equipment Failure Preceded Blast

By Zoe Corneli

September 27, 2010

Federal investigators looking into the Sept. 9 gas line explosion in San Bruno said Monday that an important piece of electrical equipment failed just hours before a Pacific Gas & Electric Company transmission line ruptured, killing seven people, the Chronicle reports.

PG&E was working on replacing an uninterruptible power supply system, or UPS, at the Milpitas terminal where the gas line originated, according to Peter Knudson of the National Transportation Safety Board. The UPS is designed to maintain a constant level of electricity.

<http://www.baycitizen.org/blogs/pulse-of-the-bay/pge-equipment-failure-preceded-blast/>

### **San Jose Mercury News**

Feds Probing Whether Power Outage Was Involved in San Bruno Blast

By Joshua Melvin and Paul Rogers

September 27, 2010

Pacific Gas & Electric lost electric power to a key part of its natural gas pipeline system at its control center in Milpitas only hours before an explosion ripped through a San Bruno neighborhood, killing seven and destroying 37 houses.

The new information was made public Monday by U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Hillsborough, at a news conference to unveil a new piece of pipeline safety legislation.

[http://www.mercurynews.com/ci\\_16190787?source=most\\_viewed](http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_16190787?source=most_viewed)

### **San Jose Mercury News**

Prior PG&E Work in San Bruno a Mystery

By Mike Rosenberg

Two years ago, the city of San Bruno provided permits to Pacific Gas & Electric for crews to work on natural gas pipelines near the site of the devastating explosion that killed seven people and leveled a neighborhood on Sept. 9, newly obtained documents reveal.

Major questions remain, however, about the work and what significance it may have to the tragedy. And PG&E is providing few answers.

[http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci\\_16190057](http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_16190057)

### **San Mateo Daily Journal**

Speier Seeks Pipeline Reform

By Bill Silverfarb

September 28, 2010

U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier will introduce legislation today to strengthen natural gas pipeline regulation and oversight following an explosion and fire that destroyed a significant portion of a San Bruno neighborhood Sept. 9.

The bill will require automatic or remote shut-off valves on some transmission lines, disclosure of pipeline locations to homeowners, disclosure of emergency response plans to regulators and disclosure of integrity management plans to pipeline safety officials.

Speier, D-San Mateo, noted Pacific Gas and Electric's inability to shut off the gas for an hour and 46 minutes on the night of the explosion, putting firefighters on the defensive.

[http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article\\_preview.php?id=142259&title=Speier%20seeks%20pip](http://www.smdailyjournal.com/article_preview.php?id=142259&title=Speier%20seeks%20pip)

### **Broadcast Coverage**

#### **KTVU-TV - online**

Speier Announces Bill To Change Gas Line Safety Standards, Public Access Rules

By Staff

September 27, 2010

U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier will propose legislation intended to change natural gas pipeline safety standards and increase public knowledge of locations of gas transmission lines, Speier announced Monday.

She unveiled the legislation at the intersection of Earl Avenue and Glenview Drive in the Crestmoor Canyon neighborhood, where on Sept. 9 a gas pipeline explosion and fire killed seven people and destroyed 37 homes.

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/25188262/detail.html>

#### **KSBW-TV - online**

PG&E Talks On Safety After San Bruno Blast

By Staff

September 28, 2010

Following the San Bruno gas line explosion on Sept. 9, records show PG&E gas line leaks are six times higher than the national average.

Federal regulators said the number of pipeline leaks reported nationally in populated areas has declined more than 30 percent in recent years, but PG&E's average yearly leaks are up 40 percent and in an effort to improve gas line safety new legislation is in the works.

Rep. Jackie Speier, whose area covers San Bruno, announced she's proposing a bill that would give more transparency and oversight for natural gas pipelines.

<http://www.ksbw.com/news/25189067/detail.html>

## Broadcast Coverage

### National      California

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\*Each clip is unique segment of CSPAN 2 coverage of Congressional hearing on pipeline safety

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

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

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

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Full Coverage

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KOVR-TV (CBS) CH 13, Sacramento/Stockton/Modesto, CA

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

9/27/2010, 11:00 - 11:35 PM

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KGO-TV (ABC) CH 7, San Francisco, CA  
9/27/2010, 11:00 - 11:35 PM

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KOFY-TV (IND) CH 20, San Francisco, CA  
9/27/2010, 9:00 - 10:00 PM

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KOFY-TV (IND) CH 20, San Francisco, CA  
9/27/2010, 9:00 - 10:00 PM

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KRCR-TV (ABC) CH 7, Chico/Redding, CA  
9/27/2010, 6:30 - 7:00 PM

Full Coverage

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KGO-TV (ABC) CH 7, San Francisco, CA  
9/28/2010, 5:00 - 6:00 AM

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KGO-TV (ABC) CH 7, San Francisco, CA  
9/28/2010, 4:30 - 5:00 AM

Full Coverage