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**San Bruno Media Update**  
**Monday, September 20, 2010**  
**Updated 6:30 p.m.**

## Summary

This afternoon, PG&E disclosed its internal list of its 100 highest-risk natural gas pipelines in the Bay Area. An Associated Press article about the list was picked up by the San Francisco Chronicle, San Jose Mercury News, Los Angeles Times, Kansas City Star, Modesto Bee and Monterey County Herald as well as KGO (ABC, SF), CBS13 (CBS, Sacramento) and KSBY (IND, San Luis Obispo) websites. Coverage of the announcement also included the 888 phone number customers can call to find out their proximity to gas lines. Other coverage included information about proposed legislation to increase federal natural gas pipeline oversight and a lawsuit that was filed by a San Bruno Resident.

## Developments to Date

- PG&E disclosed its internal list of its 100 highest risk natural gas pipelines in the Bay Area
- US Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood sent legislation to Congress on Sept. 15 to increase federal natural gas pipeline oversight

## Print Media Coverage

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday, September 20, 2010

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### Associated Press

**San Francisco Chronicle:** PG&E says San Jose has 2 high-risk gas pipelines

**San Jose Mercury News:** PG&E: San Bruno pipe segment not on high-risk list

**Los Angeles Times:** PG&E: San Bruno pipe segment not on high-risk list

**Kansas City Star:** PG&E: San Bruno pipe segment not on high-risk list

**Modesto Bee:** PG&E: San Bruno pipe segment not on high-risk list

**Monterey County Herald:** PG&E: San Bruno pipe segment not on high-risk list

**KGOam810.com:** San Bruno Pipeline Not on "High-Risk" List

**CBS13.com:** PG&E: San Bruno pipe segment not on high-risk list

**KSBY.com:** PG&E: San Bruno pipe segment not on high-risk list

The section of natural gas pipeline that exploded south of San Francisco does not appear on a utility company list of 100 riskiest pipeline segments.

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. president Chris Johns said Monday that the segment of pipeline beneath a San Bruno neighborhood did not meet the criteria to appear on the list.

### Reuters

**CNBC:** California blast site wasn't on utility watch list

California blast site wasn't on utility watch list

By Peter Henderson

September 20, 2010

The California site of a deadly gas pipeline explosion earlier this month was not on a "top 100" watch list of pipelines monitored by Pacific Gas and Electric, utility executives said on Monday.

The September 9 explosion of a 30-inch steel pipeline ripped through the San Francisco suburb of San Bruno, killing four people, destroying 37 homes and causing hundreds to evacuate.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSTRE68K00920100921>

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### **Associated Press**

**BusinessWeek:** [Despite accidents, pipeline info is elusive](#)

**ABC News:** [Despite accidents, pipeline info is elusive](#)

Despite accidents, pipeline info is elusive

By Garance Burke and Matthew Brown

September 20, 2010

In the wake of a deadly pipeline blast earlier this month in San Bruno, Calif., and serious leaks in Michigan and Illinois, the secrecy surrounding the nation's 2.5-million-mile network of gas transmission lines is facing criticism.

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hQPwODHBkApZIY9DRHTbvqPxxkZegD9IBU3KG>

### **San Francisco Chronicle**

PG&E releases list of high-priority repair jobs

By David R. Baker

September 20, 2010

Under pressure from state regulators, Pacific Gas and Electric Co. released a list of its 100 highest-priority gas pipeline repair projects today and set up a phone number customers can call to find out if one of one of the projects lies within 500 feet of their homes.

PG&E posted the list on its website, accompanied by brief descriptions of each project and maps to locate them. The maps do not go into street-level detail.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2010/09/20/BA631FGTB1.DTL>

### **San Jose Mercury News**

PG&E releases list of 100 riskiest natural gas pipelines

By Denis Cuff

September 20, 2010

PG&E today disclosed its internal list of its 100 highest risk natural gas pipelines in the Bay Area in a move the utility said was aimed at restoring public trust after a deadly San Bruno pipeline explosion.

Utility officials said the list is prepared annually to determine priorities on monitoring, replacing and maintaining the 20,000 segments within 6,700 miles of natural gas pipelines. Making the list does not mean there is an imminent danger of explosion, utility officials said.

[http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci\\_16126275](http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_16126275)

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### **The Bay Citizen**

100 Riskiest Gas Pipelines

By Katharine Mieskowski and Zusha Elinson

September 20, 2010

With public pressure mounting, PG&E today released its list of 100 riskiest segments of gas pipeline in the state.

Calls for PG&E to release the list came after a 30-inch gas transmission line exploded two weeks ago in San Bruno, causing a massive fire that killed four and destroyed 37 homes.

<http://www.baycitizen.org/san-bruno-explosion/story/pges-100-riskiest-gas-pipelines/>

### **ABC – Bay Area**

PG&E releases list of risky pipeline segments

By David Louie and Terry McSweeney

September 20, 2010

PG&E today released a list of the top 100 at-risk segments of transmission pipeline, something it has been reluctant to do for security reasons.

The California Public Utilities Commission on Friday ordered it to be released and similar pressure has been put on the utility company by state and federal lawmakers.

<http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/peninsula&id=7677628>

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### **KTVU – Bay Area**

PG&E Releases List Of High-Risk Pipelines

By Staff

September 20, 2010

In response to a fatal fireball that claimed as many as seven victims in San Bruno, Pacific Gas & Electric released a list of 100 high risk segments of natural gas pipeline in California Monday afternoon. The list did not include the segment that blew up on Sept. 9.

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/25089930/detail.html>

### **NBC – Bay Area**

PG&E Releases Top 100 Pipeline List

By Lori Preuitt

September 20, 2010

As promised, PG&E released information about location of major, high-priority natural gas pipelines here in [California](#).

[Here's the link to PG&E statewide map.](#)

The list is of the "Top 100" pipeline segments that are being further evaluated and monitored for potential action.

<http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local-beat/PGE-Releases-Top-100-Pipeline-List-103355264.html>

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**CBS – Bay Area**

PG&E Releases List Of Riskiest Gas Pipelines

By Staff

September 20, 2010

As part of PG&E's efforts to restore public trust in the company following the deadly natural gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno, PG&E officials released a list on Monday of the company's 100 riskiest sections of gas pipeline.

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2010/09/20/pge-releases-list-of-riskiest-gas-pipelines/>

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**SF Examiner**

PG&E to list risky pipelines in state

By Staff

September 20, 2010

In the wake of the fatal San Bruno natural-gas pipeline explosion, PG&E is releasing a list of the 100 riskiest pipelines in the state, the company announced Monday.

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/PGE-to-list-risky-pipelines-in-state-103323959.html>

**Press Democrat**

PG&E sets up hot line for gas line locations

By Randi Rossmann

September 20, 2010

Pacific Gas & Electric customers can call a free hot line number to find out if they live near a high-pressure gas transmission line, including the agency's 100 high-risk lines.

The number is 1-888-743-7431. PG&E officials released it at a press conference early Monday afternoon.

<http://www.pressdemocrat.com/article/20100920/ARTICLES/100929987/1033>

### **Oil & Gas Journal**

Federal legislation proposed following California gas line blast

By Nick Snow

September 20, 2010

US Sec. of Transportation Ray LaHood sent legislation to Congress on Sept. 15 to increase federal natural gas pipeline oversight and increase the maximum fine for serious violations to \$2.5 million from \$1 million. California's two US senators, Democrats Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, said they would introduce the bill in response to a Sept. 9 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno, south of San Francisco.

<http://www.ogj.com/index/article-display/3815977975/articles/oil-gas-journal/transportation-2/pipelines/2010/09/federal-legislation.html>

### **News Inferno**

Lawsuit Filed in California Gas Pipeline Explosion

By Staff

September 20, 2010

The recent gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno, California has prompted at least one lawsuit. Steve Dare, a resident of San Bruno, is now suing Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), wrote Mercury News. The lawsuit alleges ramifications from the explosion that took place on September 9th, wrote Mercury News.

<http://www.newsinferno.com/archives/24159>

**Broadcast Coverage  
National**

**California**

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

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CA

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

9/20/2010, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

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KSBW-TV (NBC) CH 8, Monterey/Salinas, CA

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KCRA-TV (NBC) CH 3, Sacramento/Stockton/Modesto,  
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KSEE-TV (NBC) CH 24, Fresno/Visalia, CA



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KFSN-TV (ABC) CH 30, Fresno/Visalia, CA

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

9/20/2010, 12:00 - 12:30 PM

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

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

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

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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

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