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San Bruno Media Update

Monday, September 20, 2010

Updated at 12:00 p.m.

Summary:

Coverage late morning remained light. Both Bay Area and national coverage continued to consist of reports that PG&E is expected to release a list of the top 100 high-risk natural gas pipelines today. In addition, The New York Post focused on New York's pipeline infrastructure, as some of the state's line systems are older than PG&E's San Bruno pipeline.

Developments to Date:

- KTVU reported that PG&E contacted San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed regarding two high-risk pipelines in San Jose. Mayor Reed noted that the city has a good working relationship with PG&E, and that they hope for more detailed information today.
- KTVU also reported that the San Mateo County Coroner is expected to confirm three additional deaths, bringing the total fatalities to seven people.
- The Associated Press reported that 50 people in a Lodi neighborhood were evacuated after PG&E workers accidentally punctured a natural gas line on Sunday.
- The New York Post highlighted the age of the state's pipeline infrastructure, noting that some of the lines are older than PG&E's pipeline in San Bruno.

Print Media Coverage

6:00 a.m. –11:00 a.m. Monday, September 20, 2010

KTVU

San Jose Mayor Awaits PG&E List of 'High-Risk' Pipelines

By KTVU Staff

September 20, 2010

Like many local residents, San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed has concerns about the safety of the natural gas pipelines running underneath his city in the wake of a fatal fireball that claimed as many as seven victims in San Bruno.

And over the weekend, those concerned were heightened when his staff was informed that Pacific Gas & Electric has identified at least two of those pipelines as high risk.

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/25083067/detail.html>

San Francisco Chronicle

Gas leak prompts evacuation of Lodi neighborhood

By Associated Press

September 20, 2010

Authorities say 50 people were evacuated from a Lodi neighborhood after Pacific Gas & Electric workers accidentally punctured a natural gas line.

Woodbridge Fire District spokesman Jaime Ramirez says firefighters and San Joaquin County Sheriff's deputies cleared about 10 homes after authorities received a call at 11:39 a.m. Sunday.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2010/09/20/state/n082734D20.DTL&type=health>

NBC Bay Area

High-Risk Gas Lines Run Under San Jose, Milpitas

By Jessica Greene

September 20, 2010

Gas line safety is top of mind since the Sept. 9 explosion in San Bruno. It seems everyone is wondering whether they are living or working atop one of the Pacific Gas and Electric natural gas lines that could rupture without notice and turn into a fiery inferno.

Now, we will know.

PG&E will release a list of 100 high-risk natural gas line segments as early as Monday. San Jose leaders have already been told two of those lines are in the north part of the city. They don't have an exact location yet, but Mayor Chuck Reed said one of the dangerous pipelines lies beneath the surface near the intersection of Tasman Drive and North First Street.

<http://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local-beat/High-Risk-Gas-Lines-Run-Under-San-Jose-Milpitas-PGE-103279629.html>

New York Post

New York's old gas lines could explode like pipe near San Francisco

By Chuck Bennett

September 20, 2010

New York's aging natural-gas pipelines are ready to blow, experts warn.

Huge swaths of infrastructure maintained by Con Ed, National Grid and a handful of interstate distributors are often older than the section of 62-year-old pipe that exploded Sept. 9 in suburban San Francisco, killing four.

"We are looking at catastrophic failure that might be coming. What happened in California is not unthinkable in New York," said Anil Agrawal, professor of civil engineering at City College.

"Our piping infrastructure is very, very old. The biggest problem is we really don't know their condition. We only know about them when there is breakage. We just fix the breakage and wait for the next failure."

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/ticking_pipe_bomb_jAKKrXsugvJtxBwGC4kPKP

Wall Street Journal

California Officials Question PG&E On 100 Riskiest Pipelines

By Cassandra Sweet

September 20, 2010

California officials late Friday demanded that PG&E Corp. (PCG) disclose important information about its natural gas pipeline network, particularly pipes that are most at risk of failing, after one of the company's gas lines exploded last week, killing four people.

In a letter, California Public Utilities Commission Executive Director Paul Clanon ordered Pacific Gas & Electric Co. President Christopher Johns to furnish a list of the company's 100 most critical gas pipeline repairs and the status of those repairs, as well as the pipe segments' specific locations and the company's method of prioritizing pipeline maintenance projects.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20100920-704528.html>

Broadcast Coverage

National California

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

9/20/2010, 7:00 - 8:00 AM

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KQCA-TV (My Network TV) CH 58, Sacramento/Stockton/Modesto, CA
9/20/2010, 8:00 - 9:00 AM

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KNTV-TV (NBC) CH 11, San Francisco, CA
9/20/2010, 6:00 - 7:00 AM

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KXTV-TV (ABC) CH 10, Sacramento/Stockton/Modesto, CA
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KTVU-TV (FOX) CH 2, San Francisco, CA
9/20/2010, 7:00 - 8:00 AM

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KRON-TV (My Network TV) CH 4, San Francisco, CA
9/20/2010, 8:00 - 9:00 AM

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KNBC-TV (NBC) CH 4, Los Angeles, CA
9/20/2010, 8:22 - 8:30 AM

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KMPH-TV (FOX) CH 26, Fresno/Visalia, CA
9/20/2010, 7:00 - 8:00 AM

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KGO-TV (ABC) CH 7, San Francisco, CA
9/20/2010, 6:00 - 7:00 AM

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