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## San Bruno Media Update

### Thursday, September 30, 2010

### Updated 6:30 a.m.

#### Summary

Coverage last night and this morning focused on various topics including the status of a pipeline in Fremont, the CPUC's regulation of PG&E, the plan to appeal the denial of FEMA funds, the possible decrease in real-estate value in San Bruno, and the three-week anniversary of San Bruno. A letter in the *Contra Costa Times* expressed outrage toward PG&E for reportedly diverting money meant to upgrade pipelines.

#### Developments to Date

- Today marks the three-week anniversary of the San Bruno incident

#### Print Media Coverage

**6:00 p.m. – 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 29, 2010- Thursday, September 30, 2010**

##### Contra Costa Times

Letter: PG&E Outrage  
By Wendy Fanucchi  
September 30, 2010

It is an outrage to read "PG&E diverted money meant to upgrade pipelines," (Times, Sept. 18) that, since at least 1993, PG&E has collected tens of millions of dollars more for maintenance and replacement of natural gas pipelines than it has spent on this work.

Apparently, the Public Utilities Commission grants rate increases for this work, and then PG&E collects the additional millions without the pipeline work that needs to be done

[http://www.contracostatimes.com/opinion/ci\\_16207052](http://www.contracostatimes.com/opinion/ci_16207052)

### **Oakland Tribune**

PG&E promises quick fix for Fremont pipeline

By Matthew Artz

September 30, 2010

PG&E is promising to repair its second-riskiest pipeline, which cuts through several Fremont neighborhoods, within the next 18 months.

"Whatever it takes to address and ensure that this transmission line is safe "... the commitment is to have that completed by 2012," PG&E spokesman Tom Guarino told the City Council on Tuesday.

He said that PG&E engineers already were studying how to repair or replace the 4.3-mile underground gas pipeline, which runs through the Mission San Jose and Irvington districts, and runs adjacent to Mission San Jose High School.

[http://www.insidebayarea.com/argus/localnews/ci\\_16209834](http://www.insidebayarea.com/argus/localnews/ci_16209834)

### **Vallejo Times-Herald**

Safety is a must, not an option

By Staff

The natural gas pipeline explosion that killed seven people and destroyed 37 homes in San Bruno raises serious questions about PG&E and the state California Public Utilities Commission, which oversees it.

The utility firm is doing the right thing handing out checks to homeowners who suffered damages from the disaster and vowing to create a \$100 million fund to help victims and the city.

But left unanswered is whether PG&E has done an adequate job over the past several years in examining its pipelines and fixing potential hazards. There is also legitimate concern about the CPUC's role in keeping an eye on the utility.

[http://www.insidebayarea.com/ci\\_16199707](http://www.insidebayarea.com/ci_16199707)

### **San Francisco Examiner**

State and local officials vow to appeal denial of San Bruno disaster funds

By Bay City News

September 29, 2010

State and local officials are appealing a decision by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to deny additional funds to help California and the city of San Bruno pay for ongoing efforts to repair and reconstruct a neighborhood struck by a PG&E gas pipeline explosion.

San Bruno City Manager Connie Jackson expressed disappointment in FEMA's decision, but she aimed to reassure residents of the Crestmoor Canyon neighborhood who were most severely impacted by the Sept. 9 explosion and fire that the city's quest for federal aid isn't over.

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/State-and-local-officials-vow-to-appeal-denial-of-San-Bruno-disaster-funds-104050379.html>

### **San Francisco Examiner**

Blast shocks San Bruno real estate market

By Shaun Bishop

September 30, 2010

The gas pipeline explosion that devastated a San Bruno neighborhood is likely to also deal a blow to home values in the area, though how big the drops will be and how long they will last is anybody's guess, local real estate experts say.

Since the Sept. 9 blast that killed eight people and destroyed 37 homes, there have been no home sales in the affected Crestmoor neighborhood, so it's difficult to gauge the effect on the market, officials say.

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/Blast-shocks-real-estate-market-104053039.html>

## **Broadcast Coverage**

### **KGO-TV Online**

Explosion victims see the positive from tragedy

By Carolyn Tyler

September 30, 2010

Thursday will be the three-week anniversary of the San Bruno pipeline explosion and families are continuing to move forward.

Ted Guerrero told ABC7 he's noting that it will be three weeks tomorrow since he and his family lost their home in the San Bruno Explosion.

"It's been a fast three weeks," he said. "There's no playbook, no framework. It would have been really helpful if someone had said this has happened before to other people and here are the bullet points, the steps you need to follow."

<http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/peninsula&id=7697145>

### **KPIX-TV Online**

Officials to appeal for more San Bruno FEMA aid

By Staff

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<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2010/09/29/officials-to-appeal-for-more-san-bruno-fema-aid/>

### **Broadcast Coverage**

\*Note: Some difficulty has been reported viewing the broadcast clips with Internet Explorer version 6.01 or older. We are working to resolve the issue.

### **National      Local**

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KRON 4 News At 6

KRON-TV

Full Coverage

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ABC 7 News At 11:00

KGO-TV

Coverage begins at :09

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First At Ten

KFXO-TV

Coverage cut off at end

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KRON 4 News At 4 AM

KRON-TV

Coverage begins at 1:30

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CBS 5 Eyewitness News At 5 AM

KPIX-TV

Coverage begins at :33