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San Bruno Media Update
Tuesday, October 12, 2010
2020 Pipeline Plan Announcement Coverage
Updated 5:00 p.m.

Summary

Coverage this afternoon centered around Tuesday's Pipeline 2020 plan announcement. Outlets such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The San Jose Mercury News*, KRON and KCBS reported on the news. The *Wall Street Journal* included that Congresswoman Jackie Speier is pleased with today's announcement. As of 5 p.m., KRON was the only TV outlet to report the new plan on air.

Developments to Date

- PG&E announced its Pipeline 2020 plan for upgrading its system and improving pipeline safety.

- Congresswoman Jackie Speier commented on that she was happy about the announcement.

Print Media Coverage

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

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Wall Street Journal

PG&E Outlines Plans for Safer Pipelines

By Rebecca Smith

October 12, 2010

PG&E Corp. on Tuesday outlined plans to upgrade its California pipeline system to boost safety, a month after eight people were killed when one of its natural-gas pipelines exploded.

A key element will be the installation of hundreds of automatic shutoff valves, replacing manual valves that may have contributed to the high death toll in the Sept. 9 explosion in San Bruno, Calif. It took utility employees one hour and 46 minutes to navigate rush-hour traffic to reach manually controlled valves and shut off the flow of gas following that rupture.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748704164004575548571152961684.html>

Wall Street Journal

PG&E Corp. Utility Starting New Gas-Pipeline Safety Program

By Cassandra Sweet

October 12, 2010

PG&E Corp. (PCG) said Tuesday that its utility plans to modernize and beef up the safety of its gas pipeline system, including about 1,000 miles of high-pressure transmission gas lines that traverse heavily populated areas, following a deadly pipeline explosion last month.

PG&E Chief Executive Peter Darbee said the utility will work with federal and state regulators and experts in the natural gas industry to identify key improvements.

"We feel it's necessary to go beyond existing regulatory requirements and move to a higher level of safety and reliability," Darbee said, speaking at a press conference in San Francisco.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20101012-714453.html>

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San Francisco Chronicle (via Associated Press)

PG&E unveils plan to replace some again gas pipes

By AP Staff

October 12, 2010

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. has announced new plans to increase the safety of its gas pipeline system after the deadly explosion of one of its pipes in a San Francisco suburb.

PG&E President Chris Johns said Tuesday the utility is launching an effort to replace its old gas transmission pipelines that run through populated areas.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2010/10/12/state/n154242D80.DTL&type=business>

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San Jose Mercury News

PG&E to replace manual valves

By Pete Carey

October 12, 2010

PG&E announced today that it will soon submit a plan with utility regulators to begin replacing several hundred manual shutoff valves with automatic or remotely controlled valves in heavily populated areas of its natural gas pipeline system, as part of a long-term modernization program.

The announcement comes a month after a catastrophic explosion of a PG&E gas transmission line in San Bruno claimed killed eight people and destroyed 37 homes. It took workers nearly two hours to turn off manual valves after the blast.

A preliminary report on the explosion from the National Transportation Safety Board is expected to be released later this week.

http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_16320043

San Francisco Examiner

PG&E to upgrade pipeline in wake of blast

By Brent Begin

October 12, 2010

PG&E will modernize natural-gas pipelines in heavily populated areas and invest in automatic or remote-operated shutoff valves across the state in response to the deadly San Bruno blast last month, the company announced today.

A 30-inch PG&E natural-gas line exploded in San Bruno's Crestmoor neighborhood on Sept. 9. The blast and ensuing conflagration killed eight people, injured dozens and destroyed many homes.

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/PGE-to-upgrade-pipelines-in-wake-of-blast-104818129.html>

KPIX (Via KCBS)

PG&E Announces Pipeline Safety Plan

By Bob Melrose

October 12, 2010

Pacific Gas & Electric has unveiled the Pipeline 2020 Program, which is aimed at strengthening the utility's natural gas transmission system.

The program will focus the company's effort on five major areas: modernizing critical pipeline infrastructure, expanding the use of automatic or remotely operated shut-off valves, spurring the development of next-generation inspection technologies, developing industry-leading best practices and enhancing public safety partnerships.

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2010/10/12/pge-announces-pipeline-safety-plan/>

KRON

PG&E Announces Plans to Replace Aging Gas Pipe

October 12, 2010

While cleanup crews wrapped up in San Bruno, Pacific Gas & Electric Co. announced new plans to increase the safety of its gas pipeline system after the deadly explosion of one of its pipes in a San Francisco suburb.

PG&E President Chris Johns said Tuesday the utility is launching an effort to replace its old gas transmission pipelines that run through populated areas. The pipeline that ruptured on Sept. 9 ran beneath a residential neighborhood in San Bruno. The blast killed eight people and destroyed 37 homes.

<http://www.kron4.com/News/ArticleView/tabid/298/smId/1126/ArticleID/71119/reftab/536/t>

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

(None)

Local Coverage

[Clip](#)

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

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