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San Bruno Media Update

Thursday, October 14, 2010

Updated 6:30 p.m.

Summary

Today's coverage of PG&E centered around the CPUC's announcement of an independent review panel. Media outlets also continued to report on the NTSB's preliminary report and that donations for San Bruno victims have reached \$1 million. *The Bay Citizen* also reported that PG&E may raise pressure of the gas pipelines back to normal along the San Francisco Peninsula to prepare for winter demand.

Developments to Date

- The CPUC announced the five members of the independent panel set to investigate the causes of the accident
- PG&E may raise the pressure in pipelines along the peninsula.

Print Media Coverage
6:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 14, 2010

ABC-7 Online

Power failure may have led to San Bruno blast

By Staff

October 14, 2010

A brief power failure may have led to last month's deadly gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno.

A preliminary report by the National Transportation Safety Board showed the outage increased pressure in the line shortly before the blast. However, officials have not determined the exact cause of the disaster.

Investigators said that after the power failure, pressure increased by 15 pounds-per-square-inch 11 minutes before the blast in a San Bruno neighborhood.

<http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/state&id=7724348>

San Jose Mercury News

Donations for victims of pipeline blast top \$1 million

By Associated Press

October 14, 2010

Donations for the victims of last month's deadly gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno have topped \$1 million and are expected to still climb.

The San Francisco Examiner reports that the Silicon Valley Community Foundation has raised more than \$420,000, and the Red Cross another \$750,000. The Red Cross says more money is still coming in.

The San Bruno Lions Club has raised about \$50,000.

Red Cross spokeswoman Melanie Finks says the agency has already provided services including health and mental health consultations and meals. It is working with the city on a long-term plan to support victims.

http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_16337479?nclick_check=1

KGO-TV

CPUC to name San Bruno investigation panel

By Staff

October 14, 2010

The state Public Utilities Commission will announce the names of the five people who will sit on the special panel that will investigate the San Bruno explosion.

Both PG&E and the commission will come under the panel's gun. Already there are some indications of what might have gone wrong.

<http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/peninsula&id=7724623>

SFist

Did a Gas Line Pressure Spike Cause the San Bruno Blast?

By Jay Barmann

October 14, 2010

The first report from federal investigators on September 9th's San Bruno explosion came out last night, and though it gives no clear answers about the cause of the blast, it does give some telling details. As the Chron reports, an expert reading of the report shows no definitive answer about whether the section of pipe that ruptured was weakened or corroded. Judging from measurements taken of all the pieces of the pipe that were found, none were significantly thinner or more corroded than normal.

http://sfist.com/2010/10/14/did_a_gas_line_pressure_spike_cause.php

KGET-TV Online

Investigators hold meeting over San Bruno pipeline explosion

October 14, 2010

Investigators say they are closer to figuring out what caused a deadly pipeline explosion in northern California last month.

They held a community meeting last night to help residents and utility workers talk about the disaster and what's being done to prevent future problems.

A part of the natural gas pipeline that exploded in San Bruno September 9th runs through South San Francisco causing concern for people and city leaders

<http://www.kget.com/news/local/story/Investigators-hold-meeting-over-San-Bruno/3HxiOgF57UuZG0onMjkWfw.csp>

The Bay Citizen

PG&E May Raise Pipeline Pressure on Peninsula

By John Upton

October 14, 2010

Pacific Gas and Electric Corp.-funded consultants will consider returning natural gas flows to normal levels along the San Francisco Peninsula following last month's pipeline explosion in an effort to meet increased winter demand.

After the Sept. 9 explosion and fire in San Bruno, which killed eight people, state utilities regulators ordered the company to reduce pressure along the affected north-south natural gas transmission pipeline by 20 percent.

<http://www.baycitizen.org/san-bruno-explosion/story/pge-may-raise-pipeline-pressure/>

NPR – All Things Considered

Answers Still Elusive In San Bruno Pipeline Blast

By Richard Gonzales

October 14, 2010

Federal investigators are still piecing together what happened minutes before last

month's massive natural gas explosion in San Bruno, Calif.

In a [preliminary report](#) from the National Transportation Safety Board, investigators say a power failure led to a brief change in pipeline pressure. But the report does not say the pressure change caused the blast that killed eight people and destroyed 37 homes

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=130570527>

San Bruno Patch

Experts Chosen For CPUC Panel Investigating Explosion

By Martin Ricard

October 14, 2010

The state Public Utilities Commission has selected the group of experts who will sit on the panel slated with conducting an independent investigation of the Sept. 9 gas explosion and fire.

The five members of the panel are charged with looking into the root causes of the explosion after a 30-inch Pacific Gas & Electric Co. natural gas pipeline ruptured near Earl Avenue and Glenview Drive, leaving eight people dead, 37 homes destroyed and 18 other homes damaged.

<http://sanbruno.patch.com/articles/experts-chosen-for-cpuc-panel-investigating-explosion>

Southern California Public Radio

Calif's natural gas regulator appoints panel to investigate San Bruno blast

By Julie Small

October 14, 2010

The state agency that regulates natural gas pipelines in California today appointed a team of experts to investigate last month's explosion of a natural gas pipeline. The five panel members have extensive backgrounds in energy production and delivery.

The September 9 blast in San Bruno killed eight people and destroyed 37 homes. The panel chosen by the California Public Utilities Commission now has to figure out why the blast happened.

Panel members include two former UC Chancellors and the one-time boss of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District. They'll investigate what caused the natural gas pipeline to rupture and explode. Then they'll try to determine how to prevent a similar blast.

<http://www.scpr.org/news/2010/10/14/californias-natural-gas-regulator-appoints-panel-i/>

KPIX-TV Online

Independent Panel To Investigate San Bruno Explosion

By Staff

The State Public Utilities Commission has appointed a five-member Independent Review Panel to investigate the San Bruno PG&E pipeline explosion, and with winter approaching the panel must move fast.

The new PUC panel will be charged with both investigating the cause of the fatal blast in September that killed eight people and determining the safety of PG&E transmission lines in general.

The 47-mile-long line, known as 132, has been reduced to 80 percent pressure pending the outcome of that probe and is prompting PUC Commissioner Timothy Alan Simon to ask some very important questions.

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2010/10/14/independent-panel-to-investigate-san-bruno-explosion/>

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 Local Coverage

(None) Clip

KGO-TV (ABC) CH 7, San Francisco, CA
10/14/2010, 6:00 - 7:00 AM
Clip begins at :35

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KTXL-TV (FOX) CH 40, Sacramento/Stockton/Modesto, CA
10/14/2010, 7:00 - 8:00 AM
Clip begins at 1:39

Clip

KTVU-TV (FOX) CH 2, San Francisco, CA
10/14/2010, 6:00 - 7:00 AM
Clip begins at :10

Clip

KFSN-TV (ABC) CH 30, Fresno/Visalia, CA
10/14/2010, 6:00 - 7:00 AM
Clip begins at :23

Clip

KSBY-TV (NBC) CH 6, Santa Barbara/Santa Maria/San Luis Obispo, CA
10/14/2010, 5:00 - 5:30 PM

Full Coverage

Clip

KGO-TV (ABC) CH 7, San Francisco, CA
10/14/2010, 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Coverage begins at :15