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**San Bruno Media Update**  
**Sunday, October 3, 2010**  
**Updated 9:00 a.m.**

## Summary

Print coverage this morning increased slightly over yesterday, with new articles from outlets such as the New York Times, San Jose Mercury News and The Livermore Independent. The San Jose Mercury News reported that federal regulators have moved up the schedule to implement pipeline worker safety regulations while the New York Times published a piece that discussed clean-up efforts and included stories from several residents who lost their homes. The Fresno Bee also reported on a lawsuit initiated by a PG&E employee that accuses company workers of participating in a kickback scheme for lax oversight on contract projects. The plaintiff suggests that these PG&E management practices could be related to the San Bruno. Several outlets also discussed the implications of pipeline safety in their regions.

## Developments to Date

- The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration will speed-up the implementation of gas worker safety regulations by 18 months.

- Clean-up crews are on schedule to have debris and hazardous materials removed from the San Bruno accident site by mid-October.

## Print Media Coverage

**8:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Saturday, October 2, 2010 to Sunday, October 3, 2010**

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### San Jose Mercury News

Pipeline control room workers focus on safety concerns

By Steve Johnson, Pete Carey and Leigh Poitinger

October 3, 2010

The San Bruno natural gas explosion has underscored a growing concern about the capabilities of utility employees who watch over the nation's pipelines and whose errors have been linked to a number of mishaps, some of them catastrophic.

The National Transportation and Safety Board has said among the questions it is investigating is whether workers at a PG&E pipeline-monitoring terminal in Milpitas were fatigued or poorly trained. And just eight days after the Sept. 9 blast, the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration moved to speed up adoption of a rule to insure that workers doing similar jobs at companies across the country are well-trained and rested -- especially since many of those workers put in 12-hour shifts.

[http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci\\_16230206?source=rss&nclick\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_16230206?source=rss&nclick_check=1)

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### The New York Times

Picking Up the Pieces, San Bruno Residents Take Stock and Mind the Tourists

By SHOSHANA WALTER

October 2, 2010

One sunny afternoon last week, a self-described disaster artist set up a canvas and easel in front of Jerry Guernsey's San Bruno home.

At the time, Mr. Guernsey, a retired elevator mechanic, was picking through the rubble caused by the Sept. 9 pipeline explosion. He dusted off what remained of his collection of 200 Jim Beam bottles, sifted through a half-dozen blackened Nascar T-shirts and snapped photos of the melted husk of his beloved 1957 Chevy.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/03/us/03bcsanbruno.html>

### **SF Examiner**

Gas-blast cleanup moving swiftly

By: Shaun Bishop

Examiner Staff Writer

October 3, 2010

Crews are on pace to finish clearing toxic rubble from homes destroyed in the gas line explosion by mid-October, even though a handful of homeowners have been reluctant to sign up for the government-led cleanup program, officials said.

As of late last week, 31 out of the 35 home-owners whose houses were destroyed in the Sept. 9 blast that killed eight people agreed to let San Mateo County and CalRecycle, its contractor, remove hundreds of tons of burned debris from the properties. Ten properties had been completely cleared down to the soil, said Dean Peterson, the county's director of environmental health.

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/Gas-blast-cleanup-moving-swiftly-104212359.html>

### **The Livermore Independent**

Officials, Winegrowers Vigilant on PG&E Lines

By Ron McNicoll

Valley public officials and the Livermore Winegrowers Association are focusing on the subject of PG&E natural gas transmission lines.

The Livermore and Pleasanton city councils heard a presentation from fire department officials concerning the status of gas lines in the area.

<http://www.independentnews.com/fullstory.php?newsid=963>

## **The Fresno Bee**

PG&E accused of kickbacks in Fresno suit

By Brad Branan

October 3, 2010

The lawsuit contains allegations about PG&E management practices that are important in the wake of the recent fatal explosion of a PG&E natural gas line in San Bruno, Sutton said.

"When I look at what happened in San Bruno, and the money that went into corrupt practices instead of safety, I know there's something wrong," Sutton said.

<http://www.fresnobee.com/2010/10/02/2102757/pge-accused-of-kickbacks-in-fresno.html>

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## **Hudson Reporter**

Public voices fear of gas pipeline

By Tricia Tirella

October 3, 2010

The explosion in San Bruno, Calif. last month has sent shock waves into many communities where residents live in uneasy proximity to high pressure natural gas pipelines. At the third North Bergen Planning Board meeting for a developer whose proposed five-story waterfront building would be built close to a pipeline and Guttenberg's Galaxy Towers, a lawyer for the condo towers association and a local resident raised safety concerns and referred to the West Coast tragedy.

[http://hudsonreporter.com/view/full\\_story/9730778/article-Public-voices-fear-of-gas-pipeline-Appleview--will-remove-1-000-cubic-yards-of-Palisades-%E2%80%98material%E2%80%99-?instance=lead\\_story\\_left\\_column](http://hudsonreporter.com/view/full_story/9730778/article-Public-voices-fear-of-gas-pipeline-Appleview--will-remove-1-000-cubic-yards-of-Palisades-%E2%80%98material%E2%80%99-?instance=lead_story_left_column)

## **Muskegon Chronicle**

What lies beneath? Large gas pipelines wind throughout Muskegon area

By John Hausman

October 3, 2010

In the wake of recent, catastrophic fuel-pipeline breaks in southern Michigan and California, safety officials are well aware of the potential for disaster buried beneath most communities.

Muskegon County is no exception: It has many miles of both natural gas and gasoline pipelines.

Not all of those miles are known to the general public, though.

[http://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/index.ssf/2010/10/what\\_lies\\_beneath\\_large\\_gas](http://www.mlive.com/news/muskegon/index.ssf/2010/10/what_lies_beneath_large_gas)

## 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.

<b>National Coverage</b>	<b>Local Coverage</b>
(None)	<a href="#">Clip</a> KGO-TV (ABC) CH 7, San Francisco, CA 10/3/2010, 6:00 - 7:00 AM Coverage begins at 0:05 Coverage continued <a href="#">here</a>