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San Bruno Media Update

Friday, October 8, 2010

Updated 7:00 a.m.

Summary

A Bloomberg article provided details on last week's class action lawsuit against PG&E. Other coverage focused on Gov. Schwarzenegger's letter to President Obama in an attempt to appeal FEMA's denial of federal disaster aid as well as a memorial that took place at the San Bruno site recognizing the one month anniversary of the accident. Broadcast coverage mostly mentioned the governor's letter to the President.

Developments to Date

- A memorial took place in honor of the victims of the San Bruno accident
- Governor Schwarzenegger has written a letter to President Obama urging him to ask FEMA to reverse its decision on disaster aid

Print Media Coverage

6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. Thursday, October 7, 2010 to Friday, October 8, 2010

The Washington Independent

Amid Pipeline Incidents, Lax Enforcement at the State Level

By Andrew Restuccia

October 7, 2010

The Wall Street Journal has an interesting story today on the role of states in ensuring pipeline safety. Much of the responsibility for enforcing pipeline safety rules is in the hands of the states and, at least in the case of the California Public Utilities Commission — which oversaw PG&E, the owner of the pipeline that exploded in California last month, killing eight people — there appears to be lax enforcement.

<http://washingtonindependent.com/99916/amid-pipeline-incidents-lax-enforcement-at-the-state-level>

Office of the Governor Press Release (also on Bloomberg Business Week via The Associated Press)

Gov. Schwarzenegger Appeals Denial of Federal Disaster Declaration for California Due to San Bruno Explosion

By Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

October 7, 2010

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger last night sent a letter to President Barack Obama through Federal Emergency Management Agency Region IX Regional Administrator Nancy Ward appealing the denial of a disaster declaration for the state of California as a result of the September 9, 2010 explosion and resulting fire in San Bruno. This event has destroyed and caused serious damage to homes, infrastructure and other public facilities in San Mateo County. On September 15, 2010, the Governor sent a request for a disaster declaration, which was denied.

<http://gov.ca.gov/press-release/16139>

San Jose Mercury News

PG&E says North San Jose has at-risk gas lines

By Ian Bauer, Berryessa Sun

October 7, 2010

In the wake of the deadly Sept. 9 San Bruno natural gas pipeline explosion, Pacific Gas & Electric Co. was directed by State of California officials to conduct a system-wide inspection of the company's nearly 48,580 miles of gas pipelines throughout the state.

PG&E, at the insistence of state energy regulator California Public Utilities Commission, was also directed to release a list of locations of the utility's 100 riskiest gas pipelines, and did so last month. That list includes a pipeline segment near the intersection of Tasman Drive and North First Street along state Route 237 near Interstate 880, bordering Milpitas.

PG&E noted the Tasman Drive-North First Street segment a 2,000-foot-long transmission line is due for upgrades in 2012 and that the other site near Highway 237

a 10-foot-long segment was under review by the utility.

http://www.mercurynews.com/san-jose-neighborhoods/ci_16280676?nclick_check=1

San Bruno Patch

Fishing Website to Organize Blood Drive for Fire Victim

By Staff

October 7, 2010

Bay City News – The American Red Cross has teamed up with a popular fishing website to organize a blood drive in honor of 19-year-old Joseph Ruigomez, who was badly burned in the Sept. 9 PG&E gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno.

Sara O'Brien, a spokeswoman for the American Red Cross, said she was approached with the idea for the blood drive by members of ImHooked.com, a website for fishing enthusiasts.

<http://sanbruno.patch.com/articles/fishing-website-to-organize-blood-drive-for-fire-victim>

Bloomberg Business Week

PG&E to give maps of pipelines to fire departments

By Staff

October 7, 2010

After weeks of saying it would not provide maps to fire departments pinpointing the locations of shut-off valves for its natural gas transmission lines, Pacific Gas & Electric Co. says it will provide the maps after all.

The utility said Wednesday that it will be turning over the maps to San Francisco Bay area fire departments, but is asking the departments not to release the maps to the public.

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9IMTNE00.htm>

St. Louis Dispatch (Los Angeles Times article)

Pipeline blast sheds doubt on safety model

By Ralph Vartabedian

October 8, 2010

As federal investigators examine last month's deadly natural gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno, Calif., engineers already have a strong sense of what went wrong and say the evidence calls into question widely used industry estimates of pipeline safety.

A 28-foot segment of ruptured pipe shows signs that its steel had become brittle over the decades, and the blast occurred at a dip in the landscape that left the underground pipe subject to corrosion from accumulating water and sewage. That bend in the line meant more welds during construction, creating another potential vulnerability.

http://www.stltoday.com/news/national/article_531d5f39-dc0c-5cd9-8a8a-e8208fc319ca.html

Bloomberg

PG&E Sued By Residents Over Deadly Northern California Natural Gas Blast

By Joel Rosenblatt

October 7, 2010

PG&E Corp. was sued over claims the company was negligent in causing the Sept. 9 natural-gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno, California, that killed eight people.

The lawsuit, filed last week in state court in Redwood City, California, seeks recovery of unspecified damages. It also requests an order enforcing payment of the \$100 million PG&E said will be used to compensate those hurt by the blast. The complaint by injured San Bruno resident Daniele DiTrapani mirrors claims in a previous suit filed against PG&E.

For as long as four weeks before the blast, "residents in the Crestmoor neighborhood smelled natural gas and attempted to get PG&E to investigate the problem," according to the Sept. 29 complaint. "The threat from the PG&E explosion for San Bruno continues today" as residents are "contaminated by debris, ash, toxins, and other chemicals."

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-10-08/pg-e-sued-by-residents-over-deadly-northern-california-natural-gas-blast.html>

TradingMarkets.com

BRIEF: Ford and Dealers Help PG&E Blast Victims

By Staff

October 7, 2010

Ford Motor Co. and its Northern California dealers have donated \$25,000 to victims of the Sept. 9 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno.

A check was recently presented to the Silicon Valley Community Foundation's San Bruno Fire Fund. The foundation will determine which nonprofits will receive the proceeds.

The Northern California Ford Dealers group includes 80 dealerships in the Sacramento area, Bay Area and Central Valley.

http://www.tradingmarkets.com/news/stock-alert/f_brief-ford-and-dealers-help-pg-amp-e-blast-victims-1216953.html

AboutLawsuits.com

San Bruno Gas Line Explosion Class Action Lawsuit Filed in CA

By Staff

October 7, 2010

A California class action lawsuit has been filed against Pacific Gas and Electric

(PG&E) over a natural gas pipeline explosion that killed eight people and ripped apart nearly 40 homes in San Bruno, which is a suburb of San Francisco.

The San Bruno gas line explosion lawsuit was filed on September 29 in San Mateo Superior Court by Daniele DiTrapani, who alleges he was injured and his home damaged on September 9 when a PG&E 30-inch pipeline exploded. The lawsuit is the second filed in the wake of the explosion and seeks class action status on behalf of all of the victims of the San Bruno explosion.

<http://www.aboutlawsuits.com/san-bruno-gas-explosion-class-action-lawsuit-13272/>

Foster City Patch

San Bruno Explosion Highlights the Importance of Preparation

By Christina Maness

October 7, 2010

Foster City emergency responders see an opportunity for growth through tragedy in the weeks following the San Bruno gas line explosion, as Bay Area residents are reminded of the need for disaster preparedness.

While the Sept. 9 explosion tragically destroyed 37 homes and killed eight people, both the Foster City Fire Department and Foster City Police Department are grateful for ongoing emergency preparedness training and gained experience in response to the disaster. After the gas line explosion, PG&E was forced to release a list of its top 100 riskiest pipelines. While Foster City does not have a pipeline on this list, the event highlights the need for preparation for all types of disasters.

<http://fostercity.patch.com/articles/san-bruno-explosion-highlights-the-importance-of-preparation>

CBS San Francisco

State Appeals FEMA's Denial Of San Bruno Disaster Funds

By Staff

October 7, 2010

California's governor is appealing a federal decision to deny disaster funds to the city of San Bruno and the state for last month's fatal gas pipeline explosion.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger sent a letter to President Barack Obama on Wednesday. He is asking that the Federal Emergency Management Agency reverse its decision not to declare a disaster.

The Pacific Gas & Electric Co. pipeline explosion on Sept. 9 destroyed 37 homes and killed eight people. FEMA has agreed to reimburse the state for up to 75 percent of firefighting costs, but won't cover other expenses.

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2010/10/07/state-appeals-denial-of-disaster-funds-for-san-bruno-blast/>

Broadcast Coverage

National Coverage Local Coverage

NOTE: These video clips are being captured electronically in real time. Cleaner and more accurate start/stop clips will be collected at a later date.

- No national coverage aired within the time frame of this report

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KION-TV (CBS) CH 46, Monterey/Salinas, CA
10/7/2010, 11:00 - 11:35 PM
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KICU-TV (IND) CH 36, San Francisco, CA
10/7/2010, 7:00 - 7:30 PM
Coverage ends at :49

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KSBW-TV (NBC) CH 8, Monterey/Salinas, CA
10/7/2010, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Coverage ends at :35

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KTVU-TV (FOX) CH 2, San Francisco, CA
10/7/2010, 6:00 - 6:30 PM
Coverage ends at :45

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KGO-TV (ABC) CH 7, San Francisco, CA
10/7/2010, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Coverage ends at :35

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KRON-TV (My Network TV) CH 4, San Francisco, CA
10/7/2010, 4:00 - 5:00 PM
Coverage starts at :55

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