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San Bruno Media Update
Tuesday, October 12, 2010
Updated 7:00 a.m.

Summary

Print coverage focuses on an earlier *San Francisco Chronicle* story on what appears to be a lack of fines issued by the CPUC over gas violations, as well as debris clean up of homes in San Bruno. The broadcast coverage focuses heavily on CPUC's not issuing fines to PG&E for the last seven years. The clean up from the accident is progressing, as the debris has been cleared from the site. Roads in the area will be opening soon.

Developments to Date

- Debris has been cleared from the site of the accident and construction workers are now taking soil samples before beginning the rebuilding phase
- Acting governor Abel Maldonado sent a letter to the Board of Equalization, asking it to speed up the re-assessment of properties near the blast site
- PG&E is using motorized cameras as it continues to investigate the cause of last month's accident

Print Media Coverage

6:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m.

Monday, October 11, 2010 to Tuesday, October 12, 2010

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CBS13.com

Homes Wrecked in San Bruno Explosion Cleared Away

By Staff

October 12, 2010

The wreckage left behind by last month's natural gas pipeline blast that killed eight people in San Bruno has largely been cleared away, leaving behind empty lots and the chance to rebuild.

The San Mateo County Times reports crews finished clearing homes from the site of the Sept. 9 blast on Monday and plan to return Tuesday to take away remaining debris, including charred trees. San Mateo County's Environmental Health Division head Dean Peterson says they will also do work to prevent erosion.

<http://cbs13.com/wireapnewsca/Homes.wrecked.in.2.1958035.html>

ABC30.com

REPORT: PG&E Not Fined for Safety Violations

By Staff

October 11, 2010

More than one month has passed since the San Bruno pipeline disaster that destroyed nearly 40-homes and killed eight people.

Now a new report suggests the government commission responsible for regulating the utility company that operated the pipeline has taken a hands-off approach.

The San Francisco Chronicle reports PG&E had more pipeline infractions than any other utility in California between 2004 and 2009.

<http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/business&id=7717643>

Sacramento Bee

Gas Leak Detected in Riverbank

By Garth Stapley

October 12, 2010

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. will do emergency repairs on a natural gas pipeline in south Riverbank that wasn't covered in a company presentation last week on questionable pipes in Stanislaus County.

"It is absolutely urgent, but I don't know that it's imminent danger," said Matt Machado, the county's public works director. He signed PG&E's emergency work permit, agreeing to close Claribel Road east of the Crossroads shopping center from about 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday.

PG&E, scrambling to fix risky pipes after eight people were killed in a Sept. 9 explosion in San Bruno, did not return calls about the situation Monday.

<http://www.sacbee.com/2010/10/11/3097289/gas-leak-detected-in-riverbank.html>

California Personal Injury Law Case Notes

Regulators Ignored PG&E's Long History of Safety Violations

By Mike Danko

October 11, 2010

Safety regulations were supposed to prevent the San Bruno fire. But they didn't. One reason is that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC president pictured) didn't do its job. Instead of enforcing the regulations when the CPUC caught PG&E in a violation, it let PG&E slide. Not just once. But more than 400 times in the past 6 years. That's according to the CPUC's own records.

PG&E is the worst safety violator of all the utilities in the state of California. According to the San Francisco Chronicle, 410 "probable" violations since 2005. Yet, in not one case did the CPUC fine PG&E. Instead, it let PG&E off with a warning. Every time.

<http://www.capersonalinjurycaselawnotes.com/2010/10/articles/san-bruno-pge-gas-explosion/regulators-ignored-pges-long-history-of-safety-violations/>

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

10/11/2010, 11:00 - 11:30 PM

Coverage begins at 1:25

Clip

KICU-TV (IND) CH 36, San Francisco, CA

10/11/2010, 7:00 - 7:30 PM

Coverage begins at :28

Clip

KCRA-TV (NBC) CH 3,
Sacramento/Stockton/Modesto, CA

10/11/2010, 6:30 - 7:00 PM

Coverage begins at :13

Clip

KSBY-TV (NBC) CH 6, Santa Barbara/Santa
Maria/San Luis Obispo, CA

10/11/2010, 6:00 - 6:30 PM

Coverage starts at :50

Clip

KPIX-TV (CBS) CH 5, San Francisco, CA

10/11/2010, 12:00 - 12:30 PM

Coverage starts at :28

Clip

KTVU-TV (FOX) CH 2, San Francisco, CA

10/11/2010, 7:00 - 8:00 AM

Coverage starts at :08