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Tom and Brian: Frank and I were on a call with Bill Stock and Steve Whelan late today and heard that the plan is for PG&E to notify local officials starting Friday morning and test higher pressures on 101 Saturday, with leak survey teams onscene.

I'm really flabbergasted this time. If PG&E wanted to scare people and convince them that the company is out of control and just doing whatever it wants while paying lip service to customers and their representatives, I don't think it could come up with a more effective plan. There will be outrage about this, and I think appropriately so.

Afraid to tell electeds in advance for fear of leaks to the media? Announce yourself that you're considering raising the pressure, and why. Call in key media and educate them.

Afraid some people will hear before others and feel dissed? Now some people are going to look out their windows and see unexpected leak survey crews on a Saturday morning, and see TV news breathlessly reporting that PG&E is doing something unsafe.

Afraid that people won't think it's safe? Tell them why you're convinced it is.

The path the company is on here will utterly predictably result in public mistrust and fear. Again I hope we heard wrong, or I hope you can inject some sense into things over there.