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Another incoming you should know of.

We have discovered that Line 153, a 16 mile, 30 inch section of pipe that runs through Oakland in the East Bay is of similar manufacture to Line 132. It is the same vintage and includes the same welding techniques. In the abundance of caution, we have taken the pressure down to 90%. We also reached out to the NTSB to let them know of this circumstance and we await their feedback. We have, however, reviewed the available quality control records and they are very solid. That said, we will keep the pressure at 90% on a temporary basis until we can run a camera or smart pig through the line and make certain there are no issues with this pipe. This may take up to six months. There is no threat to reliability in this area because of the slack capacity we have in this part of our operating theatre. I'm free to chat in more detail at your request.