PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY San Bruno GT Line Rupture Investigation Data Response

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QUESTION 3

Subsequent to 1993, how were the remaining welds on Line 132 determined to be in satisfactory condition?

ANSWER 3

The Gas Pipeline Replacement Program was designed to identify and mitigate possible pipe joint problems (e.g., oxyacetylene gas welds). PG&E had no reason to suspect the girth welds on this segment of Line 132 because all the girth joints were welded with a shielded metal arc welding process.