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## **CPUC EMBARKS ON SEARCH FOR NEW SAFETY DIRECTOR**

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22, 2011 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today said it is embarking on a nationwide search for a new safety expert to lead its Consumer Protection and Safety Division.

“The San Bruno explosion was a game-changer for safety oversight,” said the CPUC’s Executive Director Paul Clanon. “The Independent Review Panel’s [report](#) gives us a playbook for changing the way the CPUC oversees gas safety, and we’re moving quickly to make that happen. We’ve doubled the number of gas inspectors, we’re forming a new Risk Assessment Unit to take a hard look at the risks that are out there that might not be covered by the old rules, and we’re already far out front of federal regulations in requiring testing or replacing of old, grandfathered pipes. We aim to be the national model for safety regulation.”

The Consumer Protection and Safety Division includes the newly created Risk Assessment Unit and administers safety oversight of gas and electric utilities; railroads; light rail transit systems and highway/rail crossings; motor carriers of passengers and household goods; and water vessels.

The Director position will be filled after a competitive examination process, with a maximum monthly salary of \$10,520. Eligible candidates must be current or former California state or legislative employees, or former members of the U.S. military.

For more information on the CPUC, please visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

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