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Subject: Failure Today (Sunday) on PG&E hydrotest of L132

Commissioners,

This email is to provide you with the most up-to-date information should you get calls from media or other stakeholders. We will be following up with additional information as we know it.

Today at approx. 3:30 PM PG&E experienced a failed hydrotest on L132 in Menlo Park near the east side of HW 280.

The failure occurred on a 3 foot section of a pipe seam. The pipe is located on a Redacted.  
The escaping water caused a mudslide that closed some lanes on the 280 freeway.

The Fire Department is working with PG&E to get the mud off the road.

Media is on the scene and the CPUC staff and NTSB have been notified. There are no reported injuries. Additional background is below.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have questions

Sincerely,

Jennifer Dowdell  
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Background:

This was a test of over 4 miles of pipe just north of the separate hydrotest section (T-30) on L132 where there was a small, pin hole leak on Friday. While pressuring up this particular section (T-31) on L-132 today, the pressure dropped from about 500+ psi to 0 indicating a likely pipe rupture.

PG&E terminated the hydrotest, and upon receiving reports of mud on the road between Redacted took

action to address and make the situation safe.