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Subject: RE: Response to Allegations in Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Testimony?

Got it, I know the team is concurrently looking at procedures around qualifications and work as Sunil is investigating. Let me check if there is something conclusive to share or at least, an ETA. Not a match to your question, but attached is additional background primarily on qualifications.

I'll be at the PHC this morning, but will track the info down asap.

Shilpa

**From:** Cooke, Michelle [mailto:michelle.cooke@cpuc.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 14, 2012 8:43 AM  
**To:** Ramaiya, Shilpa R  
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What I'd really like to know is how PG&E intends to investigate the allegations, beyond a records review. It is all well and good to look at the records, and I know that the questioned facilities did pass the hydrotests, so that provides a significant comfort, but some of the more problematic charges, from my standpoint, is of the work procedures and practices, and I'd really like to know what PG&E is doing to investigate those allegations.

Michelle

**From:** Ramaiya, Shilpa R [mailto:SRRd@pge.com]

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**To:** Cooke, Michelle  
**Cc:** Horner, Trina; Halligan, Julie  
**Subject:** Re: Response to Allegations in Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Testimony?

Michelle,

Last night, we issued this press release (see below). I think there is some facts being gathered for the fed side - I'll see where we are and there is something written to share.

Shilpa

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PG&E STATEMENT REGARDING CPUC INVESTIGATION OF HYDROTESTING PROCEDURES

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.— Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) released the following statement today from Nick Stavropoulos, executive vice president of gas operations, regarding the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) examination of two recent allegations about PG&E's pipeline safety work.

“No job is more important for us at PG&E than ensuring our pipelines safely deliver natural gas. That’s what our customers and regulators expect, and that’s a promise we’ll fulfill.

“We’re cooperating fully with the Commission as it examines the issue and have finished our own internal review of the X-rays of the welds done in conjunction with the hydrotest work identified in the testimony. We have determined that these welds currently meet industry and PG&E standards.

“We’re proud that we moved aggressively to test more than 160 miles of gas transmission lines in 2011, and hundreds more miles will be tested in the next few years.

PG&E has worked in lock-step with the CPUC as we’ve ramped up hydrotesting, including multiple update meetings and reviews of our procedures. Our hydrotesting program incorporates thorough quality control measures and third-party certification. We have confidence in the tests and stand behind their results, and we remain committed to the highest-quality work as we improve our natural gas system.”

**From:** Cooke, Michelle [<mailto:michelle.cooke@cpuc.ca.gov>]  
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Whoops, sent this to wrong Trina address...

Michelle

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**To:** Ramaiya, Shilpa R ([SRRd@pge.com](mailto:SRRd@pge.com))  
**Cc:** Trina Horner [Redacted]; Halligan, Julie  
**Subject:** Response to Allegations in Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Testimony?

Shilpa- has PG&E provided any sort of public response to the allegations in the testimony of these union members? As you know we are looking into the allegations and it would be useful to see PG&E’s response or at least how PG&E is investigating the situation.

Please let me know what you can share.

Thank you.

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