

From: Clanon, Paul  
Sent: 5/3/2012 10:46:12 AM  
To: Cherry, Brian K (/O=PG&E/OU=CORPORATE/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=BKC7)  
Cc:  
Bcc:  
Subject: RE: Update #1 - NRC#1010322: Pipeline - Kern, CA (105 miles N of Los Angeles, CA), material release & ~ 30 miles SW of Bakersfield, CA.

Thx. Consistent with what we're hearing.

On May 3, 2012, at 10:41 AM, "Cherry, Brian K" <BKC7@pge.com> wrote:

> FYI

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> From: Yee, Frances

> Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2012 10:34 AM

> To: Yura, Jane; Stavropoulos, Nickolas; Gibson, Bill (GE&O); Cherry, Brian K; Bottorff, Thomas E

> Subject: RE: Update #1 - NRC#1010322: Pipeline - Kern, CA (105 miles N of Los Angeles, CA), material release & ~ 30 miles SW of Bakersfield, CA.

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> All,

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> Provided below is some information we gathered from Kern Division T&R this morning. The incident cause is still unknown, but a PG&E employee took a picture of the gas release yesterday (see below), and it appears that the gas release was through the relief valves on the Mojave pipeline. The location is at the [Redacted] [Redacted] in Arvin, CA (23 miles southeast of Bakersfield). There are no reports of injuries, fatalities, or ignition.

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> Mojave Pipeline Operating Company (owned by El Paso) has declared a force majeure (i.e., unable to meet contract obligations due to unanticipated event) to support investigation of this incident and has shut in 30 customer meter locations affecting Chevron, Aera, Juniper, SoCalGas, Oildale, TCCWD, MacPherson Oil, Equilon, LaPaloma Generating, Sunrise Power, Calpine, and Berry Petroleum.

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> This incident occurred about [Redacted] of our Line 300A & B right of way. There is no impact to our system or customers, although PG&E has picked up a cogen load to supply gas to meet electric demand. Currently, we are on standby to support two additional cogen loads. As such, Kern Division T&R has developed a plan to support cogen customers as follows:

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> 1) T&R will proceed to the Badger Creek and Live Oak Cogens and determine that the equipment is fully operational. The equipment has been maintained every year and has been found to be in good working order.

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- > 2) T&R personnel will be at the temporary SOCALGAS tap and monitor and operate the bypass valve if needed
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- > 3) [Redacted] of ES&S has contacted Badger Creek and Live Oak and was notified that they are ready to operate if needed, and will be using 408 MCFH each. We are waiting final word that the two units are needed and [Reda] will contact [Redacted] to proceed.
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- > 4) [Redacted], gas transmission planner has reviewed the pipeline capacities, and has approved the operation.
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- > 5) T&R personnel will be present at the startup of the Badger Creek and Live Oak cogens in case there are any problems.
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- > 6) The capacities and operational status of the other four cogens will be determined the following day.
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- > 7) The Line 142N hydrostatic testing will be completed and tied back in by this Friday, May 4, 2012.
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- > We'll provide more information as we receive through PHMSA or other sources.
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- > Frances
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- > From: Yura, Jane
- > Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 6:46 PM
- > To: Gibson, Bill (GE&O); Yee, Frances
- > Subject: FW: Update #1 - NRC#1010322: Pipeline - Kern, CA (105 miles N of Los Angeles, CA), material release & ~ 30 miles SW of Bakersfield, CA.
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- > Bill, Frances, can you pls get some info?
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- > From: Cherry, Brian K
- > Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 3:28 PM
- > To: Stavropoulos, Nickolas; Yura, Jane
- > Subject: RE: Update #1 - NRC#1010322: Pipeline - Kern, CA (105 miles N of Los Angeles, CA), material release & ~ 30 miles SW of Bakersfield, CA.
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- > Any reports of injuries ?
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- > From: Stavropoulos, Nickolas
- > Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 3:28 PM
- > To: Cherry, Brian K; Yura, Jane
- > Subject: RE: Update #1 - NRC#1010322: Pipeline - Kern, CA (105 miles N of Los Angeles, CA), material release & ~ 30 miles SW of Bakersfield, CA.

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> We are all over this...  
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> From: Cherry, Brian K  
> Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 3:21 PM  
> To: Yura, Jane; Stavropoulos, Nickolas  
> Subject: RE: Update #1 - NRC#1010322: Pipeline - Kern, CA (105 miles N of Los Angeles, CA), material release & ~ 30 miles SW of Bakersfield, CA.

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> From: Clanon, Paul [<mailto:paul.clanon@cpuc.ca.gov>][\[mailto:\[mailto:paul.clanon@cpuc.ca.gov\]\]](mailto:[mailto:paul.clanon@cpuc.ca.gov])>  
> Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 12:08 PM  
> To: Cherry, Brian K; Bottorff, Thomas E  
> Subject: Fwd: Update #1 - NRC#1010322: Pipeline - Kern, CA (105 miles N of Los Angeles, CA), material release & ~ 30 miles SW of Bakersfield, CA.

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> El Paso transmission rupture or leak or something. Near Bakersfield. PHMSA jurisdiction.  
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> Begin forwarded message:  
> From: "Halligan, Julie" <[julie.halligan@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:julie.halligan@cpuc.ca.gov)<<mailto:julie.halligan@cpuc.ca.gov>>>  
> To: "Clanon, Paul" <[paul.clanon@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:paul.clanon@cpuc.ca.gov)<<mailto:paul.clanon@cpuc.ca.gov>>>, "Cooke, Michelle" <[michelle.cooke@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:michelle.cooke@cpuc.ca.gov)<<mailto:michelle.cooke@cpuc.ca.gov>>>, "Prosper, Terrie D." <[terrie.prosper@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:terrie.prosper@cpuc.ca.gov)<<mailto:terrie.prosper@cpuc.ca.gov>>>, "Sadler, Lynn" <[lynn.sadler@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:lynn.sadler@cpuc.ca.gov)<<mailto:lynn.sadler@cpuc.ca.gov>>>, "Randolph, Edward F." <[edward.randolph@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:edward.randolph@cpuc.ca.gov)<<mailto:edward.randolph@cpuc.ca.gov>>>  
  
> Subject: Fw: Update #1 - NRC#1010322: Pipeline - Kern, CA (105 miles N of Los Angeles, CA), material release & ~ 30 miles SW of Bakersfield, CA.

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> From: Robertson, Michael  
> Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 11:59 AM  
> To: Halligan, Julie  
> Subject: Fw: Update #1 - NRC#1010322: Pipeline - Kern, CA (105 miles N of Los Angeles, CA), material release & ~ 30 miles SW of Bakersfield, CA.

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> From: Thomas.Finch@dot.gov<<mailto:Thomas.Finch@dot.gov>>  
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> Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 11:52 AM  
> To: Robertson, Michael

> Subject: Fw: Update #1 - NRC#1010322: Pipeline - Kern, CA (105 miles N of Los Angeles, CA), material release & ~ 30 miles SW of Bakersfield, CA.

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> From: Katchmar, Peter (PHMSA)

> Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 02:26 PM

> To: Murphy, Eddie (PHMSA)

> Cc: PHMSA PHP500 Response

> Subject: Update #1 - NRC#1010322: Pipeline - Kern, CA (105 miles N of Los Angeles, CA), material release & ~ 30 miles SW of Bakersfield, CA.

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> WR's Accident Coordinator just talked with El Paso personnel. This release is on El Paso's Mojave Pipeline which is an interstate pipeline regulated by PHMSA's WR. The release is in an area where the Mojave line bifurcates just outside Redacted in Alvin, CA. The line comes in from the east and flows both N & S from this point. Pressure is regulated from ~1200 psig down to ~911 psig at this point. There is an above ground manifold with 4 relief devices at the release point. The operator is reporting that the pressure in the line appears to have been ~560-600 psig but a relief went off and somehow a leak resulted underground. They have isolated the lines and are allowing the gas to blow down before they will be able to get to the site to excavate. They do report that there does not appear to be any obvious vehicular damage to the above ground installation. The line is at 10 psig now so they will get into the site soon. They have been able to see two damaged/broken relief valves in the area. Operator personnel are onsite and are gearing up to get into the site and document the area. Excavation will occur after that.

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> The operator will call the WR as soon as the line is blown down and personnel can get to the release site and ascertain what occurred. A map of the general area is attached.

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> <<El Paso Mojave Release 5-2-12 Close.pdf>>

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> Thank you,

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> Peter Katchmar

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> Western Region, PHMSA

> Accident Coordinator

> 303/807-8458 (cell)

> 307/514-4456 (home office)

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> From: CMC-01 (OST)  
> Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2012 10:44 AM  
> To: PHMSA PHP80 Response; PHMSA PHP500 Response  
> Subject: NRC#1010322: Pipeline - Kern, CA (105 miles N of Los Angeles, CA), material release

> This report is forwarded for your situational awareness. CMC 6-1863

> NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802

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> applicable federal and/or state Freedom of Information and Privacy Laws

> Incident Report # 1010322

> INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

> \*Report taken by: CIV DAVID DEDEAUX at 12:28 on 02-MAY-12

> Incident Type: PIPELINE

> Incident Cause: UNKNOWN

> Affected Area:

> Incident occurred on 02-MAY-12 at 08:30 local incident time.

> Affected Medium: SUBSURFACE

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> REPORTING PARTY

> Name: DENNIS LLOYD

> Organization: EL PASO NATURAL GAS

> Address: 5151 EAST BROADWAY

> SUITE 1680

> TUCSON, AZ 85711

> EL PASO NATURAL GAS reported for the responsible party.

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> PRIMARY Phone: (520)6634214  
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> Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE  
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> SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

> Name: DENNIS LLOYD

> Organization: EL PASO NATURAL GAS

> Address: 5151 EAST BROADWAY >

> SUITE 1680

> TUCSON, AZ 85711

> PRIMARY Phone: (520)6634214

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> INCIDENT LOCATION

> SEE LAT AND LONG County:

> State: CA

> Latitude:

> Longitude:

> NONE

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> RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

> CHRIS Code: ONG Official Material Name: NATURAL GAS

> Also Known As:

> Qty Released: 0 UNKNOWN AMOUNT

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> DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

> CALLER STATED THAT THERE WAS A RELEASE OF AN UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF

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> NATURAL GAS FROM A 30 INCH PIPE LINE, THE CAUSE IS UNKNOWN.

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> SENSITIVE INFORMATION

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> INCIDENT DETAILS

> Pipeline Type: TRANSMISSION

> DOT Regulated: YES

> Pipeline Above/Below Ground: BELOW

> Exposed or Under Water: NO

> Pipeline Covered: UNKNOWN

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> IMPACT

> Fire Involved: NO Fire Extinguished: UNKNOWN

> INJURIES: NO Hospitalized: Empl/Crew: Passenger:

> FATALITIES: NO Empl/Crew: Passenger: Occupant:

> EVACUATIONS:NO Who Evacuated: Radius/Area:

> Damages: NO

> Hours Direction of

> Closure Type Description of Closure Closed Closure

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> Air:

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> Road: Artery:N

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> Waterway:

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> Track:

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> Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN

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> Media Interest: NONE Community Impact due to Material:

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REMEDIAL ACTIONS

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> INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY

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> Release Secured: NO

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> Release Rate:

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> Estimated Release Duration: 40 MINUTE

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> Weather: CLEAR, °F

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ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

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> Federal: NONE

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> State/Local: NONE

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> State/Local On Scene: NONE

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> State Agency Number: NONE

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NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

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> CA U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE NORTH (MAIN OFFICE)

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> 02-MAY-12 12:33 (415)4367077

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> USCG ICC (ICC ONI)

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> 02-MAY-12 12:33 (301)6693363  
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> DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)  
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> 02-MAY-12 12:33 (202)3661863  
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> U.S. EPA IX (MAIN OFFICE)  
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> (415)2279500  
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> FEMA REGION 09 (SITUATION AWARENESS UNIT)  
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> 02-MAY-12 12:33 (510)6277802  
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> NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)  
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> 02-MAY-12 12:33 (202)2829201  
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> NOAA RPTS FOR CA (MAIN OFFICE)  
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> 02-MAY-12 12:33 (206)5264911  
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> CA STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES (MAIN OFFICE)  
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> 02-MAY-12 12:33 (916)2621621  
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> STATE TERRORISM & THREAT ASSESS CTR (COMMAND CENTER SACRAMENTO)  
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> 02-MAY-12 12:33 (916)8741100  
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> CITY OF YUMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (COMMAND CENTER)  
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> 02-MAY-12 12:33 (928)3734861

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> ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

> CALLER WILL MAKE NOTIFICATIONS

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> \*\*\* END INCIDENT REPORT #1010322 \*\*\*

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