

From: Cherry, Brian K
Sent: 5/3/2012 10:41:07 AM
To: Clanon, Paul (paul.clanon@cpuc.ca.gov) (paul.clanon@cpuc.ca.gov); Lindh, Frank (frank.lindh@cpuc.ca.gov) (frank.lindh@cpuc.ca.gov); 'Cooke, Michelle' (michelle.cooke@cpuc.ca.gov)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Fw: Update #1 - NRC#1010322: Pipeline - Kern, CA (105 miles N of Los Angeles, CA), material release & ~ 30 miles SW of Bakersfield, CA.

FYI

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.

All,

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] in [Redacted] [Redacted] of Bakersfield). There are no reports of injuries, fatalities, or ignition.

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 [Redacted]

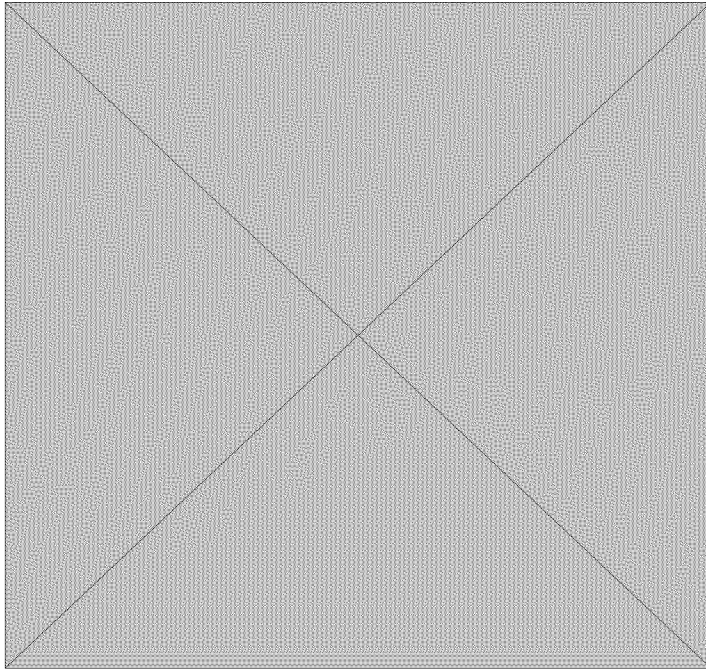
[Redacted]

Power, Gasline, and Berry Petroleum.

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:

- 1) T&R will proceed to the [Redacted] and [Redacted] 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.
- 2) T&R personnel will be at the temporary SOCALGAS tap and monitor and operate the bypass valve if needed
- 3) [Redacted] of ES&S has contacted [Redacted] and [Redacted] 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 Roger will contact John Van Horn to proceed.
- 4) [Redacted], gas transmission planner has reviewed the pipeline capacities, and has approved the operation.
- 5) T&R personnel will be present at the startup of the [Redacted] and [Redacted] cogens in case there are any problems.
- 6) The capacities and operational status of the other four cogens will be determined the following day.
- 7) The Line 142N hydrostatic testing will be completed and tied back in by this Friday, May 4, 2012.

We'll provide more information as we receive through PHMSA or other sources.



Frances

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.

Bill, Frances, can you pls get some info?

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.

Any reports of injuries ?

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.

We are all over this...

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.

FYI

From: Clanon, Paul [<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.

El Paso transmission rupture or leak or something. Near Bakersfield. PHMSA jurisdiction.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Halligan, Julie" <julie.halligan@cpuc.ca.gov>
To: "Clanon, Paul" <paul.clanon@cpuc.ca.gov>, "Cooke, Michelle" <michelle.cooke@cpuc.ca.gov>, "Prosper, Terrie D." <terrie.prosper@cpuc.ca.gov>, "Sadler, Lynn" <lynn.sadler@cpuc.ca.gov>, "Randolph, Edward F." <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.

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.

From: Thomas.Finch@dot.gov [mailto:Thomas.Finch@dot.gov]
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 & [Redacted] SW of Bakersfield, CA.

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.

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] [Redacted]. 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.

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.

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

Thank you,

Peter Katchmar

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

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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

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.

PRIMARY Phone: (520)6634214

Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: DENNIS LLOYD

Organization: EL PASO NATURAL GAS

Address: 5151 EAST BROADWAY >

SUITE 1680

TUCSON, AZ 85711

PRIMARY Phone: (520)6634214

INCIDENT LOCATION

SEE LAT AND LONG County:

State: CA

Latitude:

Longitude:

NONE

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: ONG Official Material Name: NATURAL GAS

Also Known As:

Qty Released: 0 UNKNOWN AMOUNT

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

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

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

SENSITIVE INFORMATION

INCIDENT DETAILS

Pipeline Type: TRANSMISSION

DOT Regulated: YES

Pipeline Above/Below Ground: BELOW

Exposed or Under Water: NO

Pipeline Covered: UNKNOWN

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

N

Air:

N

Major

Road: Artery:N

N

Waterway:

N

Track:

Environmental Impact: UNKNOWN

Media Interest: NONE Community Impact due to Material:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

INVESTIGATION UNDERWAY

Release Secured: NO

Release Rate:

Estimated Release Duration: 40 MINUTE

WEATHER

Weather: CLEAR, °F

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal: NONE

State/Local: NONE

State/Local On Scene: NONE

State Agency Number: NONE

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

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

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

USCG ICC (ICC ONI)

02-MAY-12 12:33 (301)6693363

DOT CRISIS MANAGEMENT CENTER (MAIN OFFICE)

02-MAY-12 12:33 (202)3661863

U.S. EPA IX (MAIN OFFICE)

(415)2279500

FEMA REGION 09 (SITUATION AWARENESS UNIT)

02-MAY-12 12:33 (510)6277802

NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE COORD CTR (MAIN OFFICE)

02-MAY-12 12:33 (202)2829201

NOAA RPTS FOR CA (MAIN OFFICE)

02-MAY-12 12:33 (206)5264911

CA STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES (MAIN OFFICE)

02-MAY-12 12:33 (916)2621621

STATE TERRORISM & THREAT ASSESS CTR
(COMMAND CENTER SACRAMENTO)

02-MAY-12 12:33 (916)8741100

CITY OF YUMA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
(COMMAND CENTER)

02-MAY-12 12:33 (928)3734861

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CALLER WILL MAKE NOTIFICATIONS

*** END INCIDENT REPORT #1010322 ***

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