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 Data Response**

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QUESTION 1

Please define the term “test section” as it is used in the Reports by PG&E on the “Status of Hydrostatic Pressure Testing” filed December 30, 2011; November 30, 2011; October 31, 2011; September 30, 2011; August 31, 2011; August 1, 2011; and June 30, 2011.

ANSWER 1

A test section is a length of pipe designated for a hydrostatic test. The test section is identified by route number and mile points and is assigned a unique test number. Sometimes a test section needs to be broken into two sections when it is determined that some feature or elevation makes it advantageous to shorten the test. In these cases, PG&E has often designated the test section by the test number and then A or B, or E and W, or N and S.