

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
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Data Response**

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As used in the following questions, the terms “segment,” “pipeline segment,” and “pipeline test segment” are used synonymously, in the context of hydrostatic gas pipeline testing, to refer to the portion of a gas pipeline between the inlet and the outlet for water used in a particular hydrostatic test.

QUESTION 17

With respect to each pipeline test segment upon which a hydrostatic pressure test was performed in 2010 or 2011, please state whether a pig was used prior to hydrotesting the test segment. If a pig was used, please describe the types and number of pigs used to displace gas or air from the test segment.

ANSWER 17

For every test in 2011, a pig was used to clear the line of any dry debris prior to filling the pipeline with water and conducting the hydrostatic test. In addition to the dry pig run, multiple cleaning runs were often deployed to remove contaminants from the line to meet water quality requirements upon disposal. The type of pigs used were poly pigs and foam pigs. PG&E did not record the number of pigs used on every test.

PG&E did not conduct any hydrostatic pressure tests on existing pipe in 2010.