

ATTACHMENT A

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
Gas Pipeline Safety OIR-OSC
Rulemaking 11-02-019
Data Response**

PG&E Data Request No.:	DRA_086-40		
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QUESTION 40

Paragraph 25 of the verified statement discusses a routine leak survey on Line 147. Provide information which explains why this leak survey was performed at this location on Oct. 15, 2012.

ANSWER 40

On October 13, 2012, a PG&E gas crew leader was performing a standby during a water main repair conducted near our pipeline by the local water utility. The gas crew leader observed bubble formations in the water, with one small bubble appearing at intervals of approximately 30 seconds. Bubble formations can sometimes be a sign of a gas leak. The gas crew leader also smelled what appeared to be a faint odor of gas. As a result, the gas crew leader reported a potential leak for further investigation. A leak surveyor investigated the potential leak that same day, but was unable to obtain a useable reading with his gas detection device due to the accumulation of water and mud from the nearby water main break. The leak surveyor returned to the site on the morning of October 15, 2012, and was able to confirm the leak as discussed in paragraph 25 of the Verified Statement. The leak surveyor then remained on site until arrival of the construction crew discussed in paragraph 26 of the Verified Statement.