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Here is the unofficial report. Not yet ready for public disclosure. I'm trying to track down details.

From: [Redacted]
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At approximately 1125 hours, PG&E was notified of an explosion at Guadalupe Street and 3rd Ave SW in Carmel. A PG&E employee was preparing a 2-inch diameter steel distribution main to perform pipeline replacement work and was welding a line stopper on the steel main, not knowing (due to a mapping error) that the main was already inserted with 1-1/4-inch diameter plastic. The welding damaged the inserted plastic, allowing gas to migrate from the main to the house via the space between a 1-1/4-inch diameter plastic insert and the steel casing. The gas then ignited and exploded. A PG&E GSR was on site at 1135 hours. PG&E repair crews were on site at 1138 hours. The house was not occupied at the time of the explosion, though the explosion caused debris to fall onto one neighboring house. The fire department evacuated the homes in a 1-block radius. There were no injuries or fatalities as a result to this incident. The flow of gas was stopped at 1145 hours by squeezing the main. The gas main was then capped at 1209 hours to begin repairs. This incident was reported to the DOT/NRC (Report Number 1075638) and the CPUC due to property damages exceeding \$50,000.

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