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Re: Response - Smith-Blair Clamp Installations

Mr. Bruno,

PG&E does have Smith-Blair repair clamps in its inventory. These clamps are typically used for temporary repairs on steel pipe, but they have also been used on plastic pipe. PG&E has conducted an initial review of its repair records and determined that from 2011 to April, 2014 there have been approximately 24 repairs conducted using these types of clamps. We have been able to confirm that 2 of these temporary installations have been removed and a permanent repair has been completed. PG&E will continue analysis of these temporary repairs to confirm how many used Smith-Blair clamps and that they have all been replaced.

PG&E's Standard A-93.1, "Installing and Maintaining a Polyethylene Gas Distribution System," currently allows for the use of steel repair clamps, such as Smith-Blair repair clamps, for the temporary repair of plastic pipe. A-93.1 requires all such repairs to be replaced by a permanent repair within 30 days. PG&E is currently reviewing its usage of these clamps for temporary repairs of plastic pipe, and will make appropriate revisions to the procedure in light of the recommendations of Smith-Blair, Inc.

Please contact Redacted for any additional questions you may have regarding this response.

Sincerely,

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