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The California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Risk Assessment and Enforcement Section of the Safety & Enforcement Division today issued a Hazard Analysis & Mitigation Report on Aldyl A Polyethylene Gas Pipelines in California.

The paper is the first in a series of Hazard Analysis and Mitigation Reports. Aldyl A Polyethylene Gas Pipelines of a certain vintage are more prone to failure due to slow crack growth, particularly those with low ductile inner wall characteristics. The paper outlines the history of Aldyl A pipe, describes the potential types of failure associated with early vintage Aldyl A pipe, assesses the current gas operators' inventory of Aldyl A pipelines in service, and makes recommendations for future risk management.

Hazard Analysis and Mitigation Reports serve as a forward-looking tool to help prevent incidents from occurring. The reports are premised on the theory that an inadequate risk assessment and management response may well be more dangerous than an adequate response to an inherently more hazardous situation.

The paper is available at:
<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/5A3DBD9A-1786-4B80-AA34-D13108B063B6/0/AldylA.pdf>.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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