

## **Timeline Regarding Burlingame's Efforts to Assure Pipeline Safety**

**Fall 2010** – Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) assures Burlingame that its gas pipelines are safe. They are not listed on the “top 100” underground gas pipelines scheduled for inspection.

**Early 2011** – Burlingame Mayor Terry Nagel asks PG&E to make a presentation to Burlingame City Council regarding the safety of pipelines in the city.

**March 8, 2011** – PG&E makes presentation to Burlingame City Council on the status of pipelines in the city.

**March 16, 2011** – Mayor Nagel asks PG&E for a “foot-by-foot inspection” of all underground gas lines within the next 90 days, a detailed explanation of steps PG&E will take to assure gas will be turned off promptly in the event of a failure, evidence of plans to acquaint safety personnel with PG&E's emergency shut-off plan, details regarding plans to replace untested pipelines and relocate lines adjacent to earthquake faults, and more.

**June 28, 2011** – Mayor Nagel asks PG&E to expedite inspections of Line 132, which is the same line that exploded in September 2010 in San Bruno, as well as Line 109. Both lines run between Skyline Boulevard and Highway 280 in Burlingame. She notes that recent news reports have called attention to possible problems with Line 109.

**June 30, 2011** – PG&E replies to the mayor's requests in her March 16 letter, noting that Line 132 is scheduled to be hydrostatically tested this summer and that the process of validating gas pipeline records is in progress. The utility reports it held a meeting with safety responders on March 24. It is working with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) “on a proposal to either pressure test or replace all segments of natural gas pipelines which were not required to be pressure tested when they were installed or lack sufficient details related to the performance of any such test.”

**July 14, 2011** – Mayor Nagel addresses the California Public Utilities Commission in person, asking the commissioners to make sure that PG&E inspects Lines 132 and 109 as soon as possible. She also asks for the CPUC to work with the city to look at options for relocating both gas lines to safer, less populated areas west of Highway 280. She receives immediate assurances from CPUC Executive Director Paul Klanon that the CPUC will assist Burlingame in its efforts to make PG&E address pipeline safety.

**July 14, 2011** – PG&E replies to mayor's letter of June 28, noting that Line 132 will be video inspected and hydrostatically tested in September 2011. The utility refuses to inspect Line 109, noting that segments of the line “are newer than Line 132 and adhere to modern construction techniques and stricter regulations adopted by the State of California in 1961.” It refuses to replace Line 109 and will not consider replacing Line 132 unless it fails when tested.

**July 14, 2011** – Mayor Nagel requests a meeting with PG&E so that she and the city staff can personally review PG&E’s inspection records for Lines 109 and 132.

**August 19, 2010** – PG&E sends letter to residents within 600 feet of Line 132, inviting them to two open houses on August 30 and September 14 to learn more about how the line will be tested.

**August 23, 2011** – Mayor Nagel, City Manager Jim Nantell and Public Works Director Syed Murtuza meet with PG&E officials to review PG&E’s inspection records for Lines 109 and 132. PG&E’s records show that hydrostatic testing was done on Line 109 in 1964 after the entire portion of the line in Burlingame was replaced that year. The utility replaced sections of Line 109 in 1992 and did hydrostatic testing of those sections again that year. A report on that meeting and a copy of a summary PG&E prepared were sent to residents via the city’s e-newsletter and can be viewed on the city’s website at <http://bit.ly/qEEWe4>.

**August 30, 2011** – PG&E holds the first of two open houses at the Crystal Springs Golf Course clubhouse to inform the public about hydrostatic testing of Line 132 and pipeline safety. Very few Burlingame residents attend.

**September 9-10, 2011** – Mayor Nagel and residents who live near Skyline blanket the neighborhood with a flyer prepared by the city that urges residents to attend the September 14 open house.

**September 14, 2011** – More than 20 residents attend PG&E’s open house and have their questions answered for more than one hour.

**Late September/early October 2011** – PG&E is scheduled to hydrostatically test Line 132.