



Gas Pipeline Safety Update

February 13, 2012

Actions Taken Through 2011

In January 2012 the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) provided an update to the public on its efforts through the end of 2011 in regards to natural gas pipeline safety. A general overview of the 2011 update is available at www.cpuc.ca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/18A9B17B-B647-4F78-9939-A5D5F7E82D51/0/CPUCIRPNTSBImplementatiionStatusOverview.pdf and a more detailed list is available at www.cpuc.ca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/0E819DF9-C716-4D45-81DA-CFB4988E14BA/0/IRPNTSBRRecommendationsImplementationStatus.pdf.

A timeline documenting CPUC actions in regards to natural gas pipeline safety is available at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/events/timeline.htm>. The CPUC's page containing all material relevant to natural gas pipeline safety can be viewed at www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/events/sanbruno.htm and can be accessed from the CPUC's homepage in the "Special Interest" section.

Actions Taken in 2012

Primary accomplishments since the previous update are as follows:

1. The CPUC's Consumer Protection and Safety Division (CPSD) filed its Technical Report on Southwest Gas Company's Pipeline Implementation Plan on January 3, 2012.
2. The CPSD Report on the San Bruno investigation was issued and a formal Order Instituting Investigation (Penalty Consideration Case) was opened by the CPUC on January 12, 2012.
3. CPSD filed its Technical Report on Sempra's Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan on January 17, 2012.
4. CPSD issued a citation to PG&E of \$16.76 million on January 27, 2012, for failure to leak survey portions of its distribution system.
5. On January 11, 2012, the CPUC held a workshop on more effectively incorporating safety and security into ratemaking.
6. CPSD is coordinating with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration and has begun its audits that will make up the comprehensive audit of PG&E's system recommended by the National Transportation Safety Board.



7. CPSD is drafting its report on PG&E's Public Awareness Audit.
8. Audits of PG&E's and Sempra's Operations, Maintenance & Emergency Plans are underway this week.
9. CPSD conducted an audit of San Diego Gas & Electric's Drug Testing Program.
10. CPSD conducted 10 audits/inspections of Mobile Home Park operators (between January 1 and February 10, 2012).
11. Three new gas utilities engineers were hired and began work between January 1 and February 13, 2012. One new regulatory analyst was hired and began work for the risk assessment group.
12. Three staff attended the Department of Transportation SCADA training.
13. The Risk Assessment Unit has developed a preliminary list of potential gaps in regulations that have the potential to impact public safety.
14. The CPUC has begun working with legislative offices to pursue additional flexibility in auditing mobile home parks and propane operators. Assemblymember Fuentes is authoring this legislation.
15. The CPUC has begun working with legislative offices to pursue enforcement authority for the CPUC over one-call notifications for excavation work. Assemblymember Lowenthal is authoring this legislation.
16. The CPUC has begun working with legislative offices to pursue expedited permitting for gas pipeline maintenance and repair. This legislation does not yet have an author.