

What Did Utilities and Regulators Learn from the San Bruno Disaster?

Senator Jerry Hill Holds Hearing to Examine Safety Reform Since the 2010 Tragedy

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SACRAMENTO – On September 9, 2010, eight people died when a PG&E natural gas pipeline ruptured, triggering an explosion and fire that leveled a neighborhood in the Peninsula city of San Bruno. In the decade since, with a growing number of legislative colleagues, Senator Hill pressed for utility safety reforms, sharper oversight, and greater accountability by the utilities and the state agency that regulates them. What progress has been made? Are the metrics for improvement reliable? What more must be done to ensure our safety?

WHAT: Senator Hill, D-San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, as chair of the Senate Subcommittee on Gas, Electric and Transportation Safety, convenes a hearing to pose the questions to safety experts, utilities and regulators. Committee member Senator Scott Wiener, D-San Francisco, joins the virtual dais for the hearing titled: **“Gas Safety Retrospective: A Decade Since San Bruno.”**

WHEN: 10 Tuesday, October 13, 2020

HOW to WATCH: Go to [Senate.ca.gov](https://senate.ca.gov) a few minutes before 10 AM on Tuesday morning. Access the livestream link by clicking “Today’s Events.” The link also can be reached by clicking on 13 in the calendar at the bottom right of the Senate page. This is a virtual event. For more information on how to participate, go to <https://seuc.senate.ca.gov/subcommitteehearings>.

WHO: San Bruno Mayor Rico E. Medina will join the senators to provide opening remarks. Safety experts from the National Transportation Safety Board, the Center for Catastrophic Risk Management at UC Berkeley, and the consultancy Advisian have been invited to join representatives for PG&E, Southern California Gas and the California Public Utilities Commission in addressing the issue.

Further Resources:

See the [agenda](#).

View the [background paper](#) for the hearing.

Material provided by speakers will be available [here](#).

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