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The Honorable Deborah A.P. Hersman  
Chairman  
National Transportation Safety Board  
490 L'Enfant Plaza East, SW  
Washington, DC 20594

Dear Chairman Hersman:

On September 9, 2010, a pipeline owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric exploded in the Crestmoor neighborhood of San Bruno, California. According to recent news reports, the explosion killed four people, injured at least sixty, and caused substantial property damage to the surrounding neighborhood.

The Committee on Energy and Commerce and its Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations request a briefing on the incident, its possible causes, and the status of your investigation. Please contact Jennifer Owens with the Committee staff at (202) 226-2424, by Friday, September 17, 2010, to schedule the briefing.

Sincerely,



Henry A. Waxman  
Chairman



Bart Stupak  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight  
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cc: The Honorable Joe Barton  
Ranking Member

The Honorable Michael C. Burgess  
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