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September 14, 2010

The Honorable Cynthia L. Quarterman
Administrator
U.S. Department of Transportation
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration
East Building, 2nd Floor
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Quarterman:

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 and its possible causes. 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
and Investigations

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton
Ranking Member

The Honorable Michael C. Burgess
Ranking Member
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