



Office of the Chairman

National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, D.C. 20594

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The Honorable Cynthia L. Quarterman
Administrator
Pipeline and Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Quarterman:

Thank you for your January 5, 2011, letter, updating the status of Safety Recommendation P-10-1, stated below, which the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) on January 3, 2011, as a result of the NTSB's investigation of the September 9, 2010, natural gas pipeline rupture that occurred in a residential area in the City of San Bruno, California.

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Through appropriate and expeditious means such as advisory bulletins and posting on your website, immediately inform the pipeline industry of the circumstances leading up to and the consequences of the September 9, 2010, pipeline rupture in San Bruno, California, and the National Transportation Safety Board's urgent safety recommendations to Pacific Gas and Electric Company so that pipeline operators can proactively implement corrective measures as appropriate for their pipeline systems.

The NTSB is pleased that, upon receiving this recommendation, PHMSA promptly submitted an advisory bulletin (ADB-11-01) for publication in the *Federal Register*, informing the pipeline industry of the circumstances leading up to, and the consequences of, the 2010 San Bruno accident as well as the NTSB's urgent safety recommendations to Pacific Gas and Electric Company. ADB-11-01 was subsequently published at 76 *Federal Register* 1504 (January 10, 2011). In addition, PHMSA posted the same information on its website at [http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/staticfiles/PHMSA/DownloadableFiles/Pipeline/Regulations/Advisory Bulletins/ADB-11-01.pdf](http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/staticfiles/PHMSA/DownloadableFiles/Pipeline/Regulations/Advisory%20Bulletins/ADB-11-01.pdf) and www.PHMSA.dot.gov. Accordingly, Safety Recommendation P-10-1 is classified "Closed—Acceptable Action."

Thank you for your prompt action and commitment to pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DAH', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Deborah A.P. Hersman
Chairman

cc: Ms. Linda Lawson, Director
Office of Safety, Energy, and Environment
Office of Transportation Policy