



## MEDIA ALERT

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BREAKING NEWS--just received from PG&E a few minutes ago---primarily of interest for residents, businesses, schools and commuters who are in the northwest Palo Alto, northeast Menlo Park and southwest Stanford Campus areas.

- **Major Line #109 Gas Venting TODAY at Menlo Park/Palo Alto Border**
  - **Where:** Junipero Serra Boulevard, 600' east of Alpine Road (see map attached)
    - a. On the side of the road, adjacent to the Stanford Golf Course
  - **Time:** Between 12pm and 3pm (Venting time can be earlier or later if needed)
  - **Duration** (approx): 60-90 minutes for venting, then additional 2-3 hours for air mover operations
  - **Why:** The gas is being purged out of 8 miles of Line 109 in order to allow it to be tied into other segments and placed back in service.
  - **Impact:** There will be a noticeable gas smell in the area during this time and some loud noise from the air movers.
- **Valve replacement work on Line #109 ALL THIS WEEK near VA Hospital requires night work (Note: Since alert was issued, we got news of possible delay until Saturday.)**
  - Work is **NOT RELATED to the pipeline replacement** going on in front of the VA hospital right now.
  - **By unfortunate coincidence**, the valve is adjacent to where the replacement project is also taking place.
  - **Time Frame:** Valve work began Monday and will extend through most of the night tonight and tomorrow night, finishing on Friday during the day.
    - This work is essential in order for PG&E to put their line back into service this week.
    - PG&E is being required to get their line back into service because colder weather has raised gas demand across their territory. They cannot meet that demand without this line being operational.
  - **Impact:** Minimal noise from valve replacement and testing, but the night work will require big lights and running generators to operate those lights.
    - PG&E is looking into options to minimize those effects, in consideration of the nearby VA Hospital residents and staff.
    - Traffic on Miranda will be slowed, just as it has been during the pipeline replacement day work ongoing at the VA Hospital.

As a reminder, major and minor updates to PG&E projects in Palo Alto are always posted to the City website: [www.cityofpaloalto.org/utilityprojects](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/utilityprojects)

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