

To Whom it may concern

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My name is [REDACTED] I work for Semptra Energy Utilities. I'm enclosing to you details of what could possibly may save countless people from undue suffering, if an investigation is started immediately. I was unaware of what the actual happenings that occurred on the date of the incident, or to better word it, what may occur if it continues to be overlooked, and hidden by the Southern California Gas Company a Semptra Energy ~~Utilities~~ Utility.

In MID August 2004 an incident occurred where a transformer blew. One of Edison's Power lines dropped and landed on a water faucet, grounding it. I was told by the Supervisors on scene (who's names I will disclose to you later on) that electrolysis occurred further down the pipe. (what we pipefitters call upstream). This electrolysis occurred where two pipe main lines crossed. One water, One Gas. Due to the fact water carries more pressure than gas, the water flooded the Gas Company's MAIN LINES, SERVICE LINES, and ~~all~~ all the way to the Gas Company meters. ~~In~~ In some homes the water actually passed the whole meter set assembly itself and went into the customer's houses and appliances.

Approximately 500, five hundred outages occurred. This was considered a major outage / disaster by Gas Company terminology. The District Operations Manager overseeing the entire Project Name was [REDACTED] ~~This event occurred on a weekend and this occurred as I recall, this Thursday or Friday.~~ There were requests for volunteers sent via pager as I recall either Thursday evening or Friday evening. That's how I came to learn of this. I was fresh out of Energy Technician Residential training and looking forward to the opportunity for experience and overtime.

The exact place of where the two main lines connected and crossed touching each where the electrolysis occurred is located in the city of South El Monte, on Kale street. The cross street would be Linn Avenue. I was informed by supervisors that the water in the main Gas lines went as far ^{South} down as Rush street, possibly further, as far east as Merced Avenue, possibly further, and as far north as Garvey Avenue, possibly further, and as far west as Chico Avenue, possibly further. This location, and the surrounding streets can be found on page 637 of the Rand McNALLY publication The Thomas Guide. In that area not only is there a public elementary school, local to low income families, but these families aren't just low income but mostly Hispanic speaking living in single family

dwellings with multiple families living there. Relying on ~~there~~ their children, nieces, nephews, cousins and grandchildren to interpret for them. At these homes and ~~ad~~ apartments, duplexes ~~many~~ of these families, actually most of these families as I recall had vegetable and herb gardens. Many of these homes had fruit trees. Quite a bit of homes also raise their own hens and chickens, for the eggs and meat.

I WORKED APPROXIMATELY OVER 20 HOURS ON THAT WEEKEND, I was there on a Saturday and a Sunday. When I was there I was instructed by the Supervisors who reported to [REDACTED]. Those supervisors names were [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (I can't recall his last name but I can point him out) and another supervisor name [REDACTED] I don't know his last name (but I can point him out), [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] work together underneath [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at the Alhambra base. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] oversees three bases Pasadena base, Alhambra base, and the Azusa base. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] work together underneath [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at the Pasadena base.

I was instructed by these five supervisors to ground a service line, actually to ground a pipe right above the service valve (which is called a service cock in gas company terminology) with a grounding cable and a screwdriver

into the dirt. This happened at an address on Kale street. I can't recall the address but I know how to get there. It was right in front of where there Main Gas line and the City of South El Monte's Water Main line had touched and the electrolysis occurred. It created a hole the size of a quarter to fifty cent piece.

These men all gathered around me and instructed me to open the valve to blow all the water out of the Gas service line onto the customer lawn. I was also instructed to dump all the water out of the meter on to the customer lawn. I was then instructed to do this again along Katt Kale street, also to instruct the other volunteers, mainly new people like myself to do the same.

What I saw that weekend was that everyone, except supervisors, were doing everything against company policy. Per our superiors orders we were told, ordered to dump water, which may have been contaminated, onto the customer lawns, into the customers gardens, onto the streets of South El Monte into their sewer systems. Near that city I would also like to state that LEEG LAKE IS JUST South of that area, to the Southeast is the San Gabriel River, and I believe what is ~~referred~~ referred to as the

Rio Hondo Wash which it is right by which leads downstream into the Los Angeles River which ~~to~~ dumps into Queensway Bay, Located at Long Beach, California, right into the Pacific Ocean.

Not only did I see customer service field agents doing this at the orders of these superiors, (i.e. customer service field agents being field service assistants, field technicians, Energy Residential Technicians Residential,) but also ~~Cont~~ Construction Technicians, Energy Technicians Distribution, and Lead Construction technicians, who to my are, the only people in the category allowed to blow a pipeline. I also met and saw Commercial Services Technicians and Industrial Service Technicians doing this on the scene, they were ~~equiptmer~~ equipped with air compressors to blow the water out of the customers ~~ham~~ houselines to the inlet pipe of their homes exit out onto their lawn or garden for vegetables or in some cases near their fruit trees.

The Construction Crews when finding huge pockets of water, as one on Sastre Avenue cross street fern street as I witnessed, dug a bell hole or tied into an already existing service pipeline or service riser and blew all the water they could out of that particular pocket of water, into the street to go into the sewer. That was the 2600 block of Sastre Avenue at the ~~an~~ NORTH

end of the cul-de-sac. They were also told by a supervisor in front of me, as I recall it was [REDACTED] to go to the south end of the street they found another pocket of water, it needed to be blown to the street to clear out the line. Many of the residents were home to witness this occurrence. During this whole weekend most residents were home, many families witnessed what happened but did not realize what was really occurring. Neither did I realize what I participated in until February 27, 28, 2006. I will explain later in this letter what happened upon that date.

I want to mention now also another person on site of that incident, his name is [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. He at the time told me his job was titled Meter and Regulator Technician. I don't know if he was a lead at the time, but I do know now he no longer works for the Gas Company, he works for the Local 132 Utility workers last I spoke with him, they (they being the supervisors on scene) borrowed him.

There were employees who traveled near and far to assist with this major disaster as it was categorized as. Branford, Azusa, Alhambra, Downey, Pasadena, Visalia (I heard one person say ~~that~~ he drove from as I recall), City of Industry, and many more the Gas Company ~~who~~ would have it on the roster of who was there or possible on their previous Payroll of that particular weekend for per diem and

overtime and travel expenses. These employees are witnesses. But not only were they witnesses, they were subordinates doing what they were told to do. I do NOT know who or how many knew what they were doing, could be doing irreparable damage. I shall explain further.

Along Seaman Avenue and Merced Avenue, Factorial Way, ENLOE STREET, possibly ALS DRIVE IS AN INDUSTRIAL AREA. WE, (I.E. EMPLOYEES, SUBORDINATES) WERE INSTRUCTED TO DUMP THE LIQUIDS (I.E. WATER) FOUND IN THE METERS either into the driveways, yards, streets, gardens, where ever and to blow out the service lines by until clear of water. We (I.E. EMPLOYEES, SUBORDINATES) WERE INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY OUR SUPERIORS. SUPERIORS BEING IN CHARGE OF INCIDENT [REDACTED]; MY DIRECT SUPERIORS [REDACTED]. There were other Supervisors, present but those were the three I reported to and gave me direct orders.

Now I'm going to explain to you how I became aware of what illegal activities occurred, allegedly. I was sent back to training at the Pico Rivera Training facility. This facility is located at 8101 Rosemead Blvd, Pico Rivera CA 90660. This Building is a maximum 45 minute drive from the ~~the~~ city of South EL Monte where the incident occurred. This Building is also a major storage facility for meters and regulators.

While at training the very first day we, (i.e. we being the class) were instructed on ~~to~~ how to handle possible suspected PCBs in the meters or regulators. The Class instructors [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ask the class who if anyone had every seen or come across this type of situation. When I spoke up about what I had witnessed and participated in I was glared at by these instructors and spoken over, so the other class student could not hear me. My voice was silenced, repressed. It was requested in so many words later on that I keep my questions and remarks in writing only. ~~The~~ The next day [REDACTED] came down to the training center, my second day in class, and ~~repe~~ reprimanded me.

I have been told by my psychotherapist [REDACTED] NOT TO Report this. Someone else I think may think it could have bearing on my case of sexual harassment and harassment and retaliation that it could seem I'm just doing this to get even. I'm not. I'm doing this to free myself of guilt, now knowing what I know, I'm passing this knowledge to you. If you have any questions feel free to contact me, I'll do my best, when possible, to answer any you may have.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From

