

Railroad Commission of Texas Pipeline Evaluation System Incident Updates Inspection Package ID = 119212

Incident ID: 1826

Company: 8977 / TARGA PL MID-CONT WESTTEX LLC

Alt Co Name:

System: 965813 / MIDKIFF BENEDUM NON-REGULATED CL 1 GAS GATHERING

Contacts

Contact Type	Name	Company / Affiliation	Phone Number
Pipeline Operator	Desiree Crenshaw	Targa Westtex	432-978-3962
Onsite Contact	Ricky Young	Targa Westtex	432-301-0781

Incident Detail

Investigation Status: Waiting for Original 30 Day Report

Date of Incident: 8/9/18 10:30 AM

Drill? No

Date Reported: 8/9/18 3:05 PM

Inspector Notified Date: 8/9/18 3:19 PM

Assigned Inspector: Joe Rusk

Incident Location

Nearest City: Midland

Location/Street Address: 15811 CR 150

Region: Midland

County: MIDLAND

Incident Information

Have you reported to DOT? No

NRC Number:

Red Border? Yes

Release of hazardous liquid or carbon dioxide? No

Release of gas or LNG? Yes

Estimated volume of gas or liquid released: 5

MCF

Estimated property damage greater than \$50,000? No

Estimated property damage:

Emergency shutdown of LNG facility? No

Polluted any stream, river, lake, reservoir, etc.? No

Death or injury necessitating hospitalization? Yes

Fatalities: 0

Injuries: 4

Significant Events:

Ignition? Yes

Traffic rerouted? No

Evacuation? No

Explosion? Yes

Media interest? Yes

Service Interruption? No

Suspected Cause (Reported):

Pipeline System Type: Gathering

Material Transported: Natural Gas

Initial Description: A house explosion with injuries was reported by the Midland FD at 1030 on 8/9/18 with an unconfirmed cause but they believed it was gas related (See Complaint 11072). Targa Mid-Cont Westtex has reported that they have personnel en route to the house explosion to shut in their nearby gathering systems and investigate the cause of the gas leak.

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08/10/2018	Michael Shields	8/9/18 From Alan Mann:

Update 1: 08/09/2018

Regional Manager Alan Mann has received an update via telephone from Pipeline Safety Department personnel at the sight of the incident. Per their update, Inspectors Joe Rusk and Chris Williams report that a mobile home/trailer-type structure has completely exploded in Midland County, Texas, at a rural location. This location has been pinned at GPS N31.974616, W-101.794688. This location is approximately 10 miles south of Stanton, Texas.

Resulting from the explosion, four people were injured and have been airlifted to area hospitals. At this time the severity of their injuries is not able to be confirmed, nor the exact location of each individuals hospitalization.

In the immediate area exists what appears to be a Class 1 Gas Gathering pipeline owned and operated by Targa PL Mid-Cont Westtex LLC.

Midland County Fire Marshal M. Dale Little has stated that it appears that the explosion was caused by natural gas. After the structure exploded, the ground supported a blaze that, when quinched, would relight. It was not until Targa employees isolated their gathering line by the closure of nearby (within 5 miles) valves that the fire appeared to lose fuel and burn itself out.

At approximately 5:00 pm, the local fire department declared the area safe and released the scene following their investigation. Fire Department and Railroad Commission personnel have retired from the scene. Targa PL Mid-Cont Westtex LLC is conducting an investigation of the incident.

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Because of the signature of the explosion and the possibility of a nearby propane cylinder to the structure, the Commissions

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08/10/2018	Michael Shields	8/10/18 From Alan Mann:
		Update 3 GPS correction to the structure destroyed is 31.975173, -101.794138
08/14/2018	Michael Shields	8/13/18 From Alan Mann:
		Update 4: Final: On Saturday, August 11, 2018 Regional Manager Alan Mann received information via telephone from Inspector Pipeline Safety inspector Chris Williams. Mr. Williams stated that the owner of the pipeline (Targa) had employed a third-party contractor to excavate the pipe main at the location where the explosion occurred. Upon uncovering the line it was discovered that the coal tar coating and steel pipe wall had been compromised with a hole approximately 3/8 inch by 5/8 inch and had been leaking an undetermined length of time. No other indications of a leak were discovered.
		Targas third-party contractor removed a section of pipe 19 foot 6 inches long including the hole. The removed section was marked for orientation, and reportedly stored at a local Targa installation under lock and key that Targa legal counsel has access to. The pipe reportedly will be sent to a lab for examination.
		The operator plans on rerouting their gathering line in the area of this accident back north across CR 150 into their 14 gathering pipeline.

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