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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Washington, D.C.

NTSB_038-003

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE 5/16" PIPE PURCHASED
IN 1948 AND SENT TO OAKLAND WAS USED IN 1956
RELOCATION JOB?

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PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
San Bruno Gas Transmission Line Incident
Data Response

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QUESTION 3

Is it possible that the 5/16 pipe purchased in 1948 and sent to the Oakland stockyard was used in the 1956 relocation job?

ANSWER 3

Yes, it is possible. Conceivably, surplus 1948 5/16 pipe could have been stock piled in the back of a yard and other surplus pipe could have been stock piled in front of it. If the 1948 5/16 pipe remained unused and stock piled for several years, it may have been accessed in the yard by 1956 when the stock of 30" pipe was drawn down. We have not found evidence confirming this happened but we are continuing to examine our records. Based on shipping tags and historical practices at the storage facilities, we suspect that the 50th Ave facility in Oakland may be the most likely storage yard where this might have occurred.