

## Synopsis

On August 10, 2016, about 11:52 p.m. eastern daylight time, an explosion and fire occurred in a 4-story apartment building located at 8701 Arliss Street in the unincorporated community of Silver Spring, in Montgomery County, Maryland. The attached, adjacent apartment building at 8703 Arliss street was also heavily damaged by the fire. The accident resulted in 7 fatalities, and 65 civilians were transported to local medical facilities. Also, 3 firefighters sustained minor injuries. The damage from the accident is expected to be more than \$1 million.



Figure 1: Buildings 8701 (right center) and 8703 (left), Arliss Street, Silver Spring, Maryland, after the explosion and fire. (Photo provided by Public Service Commission of Maryland)

Parties to the investigation include the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Public Service Commission of Maryland, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, Montgomery County Department of Police, and Washington Gas.