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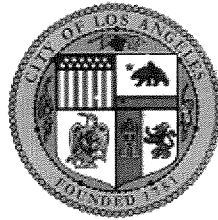
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**SUBJECT: COUNCIL FILE NO 15-1380-S12 – DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND
GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES (DOGGR) / COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY
REVIEW / CONSENT DECREE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT /
GEOLOGIC, SEISMOLOGIC AND GEOMECHANICAL HAZARDS
REPORT**

On October 22, 2019, Council Motion# 15-1380-S12 (Lee-Bonin) was introduced and was referred to the Energy, Climate Change and Environmental Justice Committee. On December 12, 2019, the City Council adopted the motion. The council motion instructs the Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration and Safety, with assistance from all necessary departments and agencies to provide a detailed report on the status of various items:

- a. California Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR)'s Comprehensive Safety Review of Wells.
- b. Consent Decree Settlement Agreement - including methane mitigation fund, fence-line monitoring, and long-term health study.
- c. DOGGR's Geologic, Seismologic, and Geo-mechanical Hazards Report.
- d. California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Investigation into the operations and practices with respect to Aliso Canyon and the blowout.
- e. CPUC's Investigation into the feasibility of minimizing or eliminating Aliso Canyon from Southern California's energy portfolio.
- f. The feasibility of conducting a City-funded, independent health study.
- g. CPUC's Aliso Canyon Current Withdrawal Protocol.

DISCUSSION

Background - The Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration and Safety (OPNGAS) is housed in the Department of Public Works and is headed by the Petroleum Administrator. The OPNGAS is the City's regulatory agency for administering and managing all functions and related components of the petroleum and natural gas pipeline franchise agreements that authorize the transportation of various hydrocarbon commodities throughout the City via underground pipelines. The OPNGAS partners with local, State, and Federal agencies to implement and enforce the various laws, rules and regulations. OPNGAS provides policy advisement to the Mayor, City Council, City Departments, and the Board of Public Works on petroleum and natural gas matters. The OPNGAS is divided into three functional areas – Franchise and Contract Administration, Safety and Compliance, and Community Engagement and Policy.

The Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration and Safety conducted an extensive review of DOGGR and CPUC reports, interviewed health professionals, LA County Public Health, spoke with Southern California Gas representatives and coordinated with the City of Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and representatives from the South Coast Air Quality Management District as well as collected records from multiple public agency websites for updates.

This report answers all seven items (a-g) under Item 1 of Council Motion# 15-1380-S12. In addition, OPNGAS coordinated with LAFD, specifically Deputy Chief Trevor Richmond, Operations Valley Bureau for the response to Items 2 and 3.

Disclaimer: If the scope of this request had been broader or additional items requested for evaluation, then the findings may have been different. There may also be additional records that were not accessible or available for consideration in this report.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 978-2679 or via email at Erica.Blyther@lacity.org.

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