

MOTION HEALTH, EDUCATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

On October 23rd, 2015 the largest methane gas leak in US history occurred at the Aliso Canyon Storage Field operated by Southern California Gas Company. Located in unincorporated Los Angeles County, the leak released 100,000 metric tons of methane gas into the atmosphere forcing thousands of residents from Porter Ranch and surrounding neighborhoods to evacuate. Furthermore, the 112 day methane leak caused the temporary closure of two schools and impacted businesses and property values throughout the region.


After several months, the well responsible for the leak was finally sealed on February 17, 2016. On July 31, 2017 the Aliso Canyon Storage Field reopened with clearance from the California Department of Conservation's Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources and the California Public Utilities Commission.

On Saturday October 14, 2017, Dr. Jeffrey Nordell presented an independent physician report regarding the effects of the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak. His report tested urine and hair samples of 106 Porter Ranch residents. Dr. Nordell claims that urine samples showed elevated levels of styrene and ethylbenzene, while hair samples revealed statistically significantly higher levels of uranium and lithium "compared to averages in the rest of California as well as the United States".

I THEREFORE INSTRUCT the Los Angeles City Health Commission with the assistance of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to report on the status of the health study updates mandated by the settlement agreement between South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) and Southern California Gas Company.

FURTHERMORE, I INSTRUCT the Los Angeles City Health Commission with the assistance of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to report on the levels of styrene, ethylbenzene, uranium, and lithium in the area surrounding the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak as brought forth by the independent physician report conducted by Dr. Jeffrey Nordell.

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