



**LAC DPH Health Update:
Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Leak
Resolution and Follow-up**



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Key Message

- The Aliso Canyon Storage Facility Natural Gas Leak has been confirmed sealed and monitoring indicates that levels of air contaminants have returned to normal.

Situation

On February 18, 2016 the Aliso Canyon Storage Facility Natural Gas Leak was confirmed sealed. DPH continues to actively monitor the outdoor air in the community. Current monitoring indicates that air contaminants have returned to levels at or below those normally found in this region.

As residents have started returning home, some have reported symptoms similar to those they experienced during the gas leak. These residents are being advised to seek medical attention for appropriate diagnosis and care. In order to better understand the health of returning residents, DPH will be conducting further assessments including door to door community health status surveys.

Actions Requested of Providers

When evaluating patients presenting with mild headaches, gastrointestinal or respiratory symptoms, or those with other non-specific complaints:

- ✓ Look for alternate etiologies other than air contamination.
- ✓ Avoid performing any toxicological tests; these are not recommended and are unlikely to provide useful data for clinical evaluation of patients.
- ✓ If no alternative etiology is found and there is concern regarding either ongoing- or past environmental exposures, consult Dr. Cyrus Rangan, Director of the Bureau of Toxicology and Environmental Assessment at 213-738-3220.

Visit the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Leak Health Information [webpage](#) for more information including results of air monitoring and a "Returning Home" FAQ in multiple languages. www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/gasleak/

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