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**Aliso Canyon Storage Facility Natural Gas Leak Confirmed Sealed**

LOS ANGELES – Today, the State’s Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) confirmed the Aliso Canyon gas leak has been sealed. The Los Angeles County Fire Department, Department of Public Health and the Office of Emergency Management continue to serve the residents of Los Angeles County affected by this incident.

"Now that the well has been confirmed as sealed, we expect air sampling data to show that no emissions are coming from the well, and we anticipate the odors to cease," said Jeffrey Gunzenhauser, MD, MPH, Interim Health Officer for Los Angeles County. "For those residents who have relocated, we are encouraging them to return home as long as they are no longer experiencing symptoms. We will continue to monitor the Porter Ranch area, but based on our analysis of the air sampling data to date, it does not suggest long-term health risks associated with the chemical emissions released from this incident."

Public Health will continue to analyze the data measurements for any unusual findings to ensure that the air quality results return to normal ranges. If at any time Public Health observes any discrepancies in the data or health impacts, the department will take any action necessary to protect public health.

Following the confirmation from DOGGR, the Los Angeles County Fire Department will continue to evaluate any potential hazardous emissions.

"I would like to thank our unified partners and our cooperating and assisting agencies for their leadership, teamwork, and dedication during this incident," said Fire Chief Daryl Osby of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

The Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) will work with the Los Angeles City Emergency Management Department to establish a Local Assistance Center where residents can obtain information on city services, utilities, insurance and other resources. OEM will also continue to accept declarations from businesses impacted by the gas leak.

"With the leaking well successfully sealed, we will now focus our resources in support of the Porter Ranch recovery, so the community can return to normal as quickly as possible," stated Jeff Reeb, Director of Los Angeles County Department of Office of Emergency Management. "We'd like to encourage businesses in the Porter Ranch area effected by the gas leak to apply for a low-interest federal loan if your business sustained economic loss. Local businesses are an important piece to any community and we want to ensure all parts of the Porter Ranch community continue to prosper moving forward."

For more information on the County's efforts, please visit the <https://www.lacounty.gov/alisocanyon>.

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### **About Los Angeles County Department of Public Health**

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is committed to protecting and improving the health of the nearly 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. Through a variety of programs, community partnerships and services, Public Health oversees environmental health, disease control, and community and family health. Public Health comprises nearly 4,000 employees and has an annual budget exceeding \$900 million. To learn more about the LA County Department of Public Health and the work they do, visit [PublicHealth.LACounty.gov](http://PublicHealth.LACounty.gov), and follow Public Health on social media at [twitter.com/LAPublicHealth](https://twitter.com/LAPublicHealth), [facebook.com/LAPublicHealth](https://facebook.com/LAPublicHealth), and [youtube.com/LAPublicHealth](https://youtube.com/LAPublicHealth).

### **About The Los Angeles County Fire Department**

The Los Angeles County Fire Department is committed to protecting lives, the environment, and property by providing prompt, skillful, and cost-effective fire protection and life safety services. LACoFD's ability to develop new techniques and equipment to fight fires of all kinds has benefited not only the residents we serve, but the fire service in general, both nationally and internationally. LACoFD's Health Hazardous Materials Division protects the public health and the environment throughout Los Angeles County from accidental releases and improper handling, storage, transportation, and disposal of hazardous materials and wastes through coordinated efforts of inspections, emergency response, enforcement, and site mitigation oversight.

### **About The Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management**

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) was established by Chapter 2.68 of the County Code with responsibility for organizing and directing the preparedness efforts of the Emergency Management Organization of Los Angeles County. OEM is the day-to-day Los Angeles County Operational Area coordinator for the entire geographic area of the county, including the 88 cities. This broad responsibility includes disaster planning and coordination services, public education, and conducting training and exercises. More information about OEM can be found online at [www.lacoa.org](http://www.lacoa.org).