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**ALISO CANYON GAS LEAK – INCIDENT UPDATE – JANUARY 29, 2016**

**Los Angeles County Department of Public Health**

Public Health continues to analyze data collected as part of the Expanded Air Monitoring Plan. As analyses are completed, results are being made available to the public and various stakeholders. Public Health will continue to disseminate information and be a resource for the community, elected officials, agencies, and all other stakeholders.

A Fact Sheet for Medical Providers was distributed on January 22 and is available on the Public Health website. Public Health is expanding outreach to medical facilities and providers surrounding Porter Ranch who may have questions about the health effects of the gas leak.

Public Health officials and a number of regulators met with Mayor Garcetti on January 27 to discuss the incident and affirm Public Health's commitment in protecting the health of those living in or near Porter Ranch.

To learn more about the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak, visit: [www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/gasleak/](http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/gasleak/).

**Los Angeles County Fire Department**

LACoFD continues to meet the incident objectives which include providing for the safety and security of the public and those involved with the incident and limiting the effects of the natural gas leak to the community and the environment.

Here are some updates as of January 29, 2016:

- As the operations to stop the leak are getting to an important and critical juncture, the Fire Department will be bringing in additional resources as needed to support the 150 plus operations personnel working to stop the leak. The additional resources brought into the incident today included 3 engine companies, 1 water tender, and 1 Urban Search and Rescue unit, totaling approximately additional 20 personnel. We are doing our best to inform the local residents that there is no need for alarm if they see these fire resources come and go on any given day.

- An Assisting and Cooperating Agencies meeting was held today to discuss coordination and communication issues. Key representatives from Federal, State, and local agencies attended.
- A Remote Automatic Weather Station (RAWS) system is providing real time weather for the incident location.

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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.