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ALISO CANYON GAS LEAK – INCIDENT UPDATE – FEBRUARY 1, 2016

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) issued the results of the Expanded Air Monitoring Plan (EAMP) to provide the community and stakeholders an update and interpretation of the data collected. The implementation of the EAMP is an ongoing effort to consolidate and evaluate data collected by multiple parties, including Southern California Gas Company, South Coast Air Quality Management District and the other agencies.

Highlights from the report include:

- Measured levels of chemicals have decreased over time since the onset of the incident.
- Methane levels measured in the community are above those normally observed, but are below flammable levels and are not expected to cause any health effects.
- Odorants present in the gas are at very low levels (below the detection limits of existing analytical methods). However, even at these low levels, these odorants are known to cause short-term symptoms that have been observed in affected community members.
- The average levels of benzene and other trace chemicals that have been measured in the community are currently at or below levels seen elsewhere in the county, and do not pose an increase in the risk of short-term or long-term health effects.

The report is available at: www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/docs/GLAirMonitoring.pdf. As more air monitoring data becomes available, Public Health will keep the public updated.

For more information, visit: www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/gasleak/

Los Angeles County Fire Department

Los Angeles County Fire Department 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 February 1, 2016:

- As the operations to stop the leak are getting to an important and critical juncture, the Fire Department will bring in additional resources as needed to support the 150 plus operations

personnel. There is no need for alarm if residents observe fire resources traveling to and from the facility.

- Health Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD) personnel provided technical review of the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak Expanded Air Monitoring report.

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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, and follow Public Health on social media at twitter.com/LAPublicHealth, facebook.com/LAPublicHealth, and 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.