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Jimmie Cho, Senior Vice President, Gas Operations Southern California Gas Company 555 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street Los Angeles, California 90013

## **RE: PUBLIC REPORTS OF OILY RESIDUE IN THE PORTER RANCH COMMUNTIY**

Dear Mr. Cho:

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is issuing the following Public Health Directive to the Southern California Gas Company.

Southern California Gas Company (SCG) is directed to respond timely to public reports of brown oily substances or residue appearing on surfaces within the Porter Ranch community. If confirmed, SCG is to provide cleaning at no expense to the property owner or resident. We understand SCG has offered to provide this service; however, we are advised by some residents that they have had difficulty receiving a prompt response to their reports.

As you may know, Public Health is advising members of the community to avoid touching or cleaning the substances themselves, and instead, to arrange for services by contacting SCG directly. The public is also advised to contact Public Health if they do not receive a timely response from SCG.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Angelo Bellomo, Deputy Director for Health Protection at (626) 430-5374.

Sincerely,

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