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ALISO CANYON GAS LEAK – INCIDENT UPDATE – FEBRUARY 5, 2016

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) created a video to address community health concerns related to the Aliso Canyon incident. The video includes information about the potential health effects related to three types of chemicals contained in the natural gas: methane, odorants (Mercaptans), and benzene. Public Health provided the video to SoCalGas to use at its Community Resource Center (CRC) in Porter Ranch.

In addition, Public Health created a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to address residents' concerns about returning home after the Aliso Canyon incident. The FAQ includes information for residents to safely return home and offers guidance as Public Health and other agencies continue working to restore conditions in the Porter Ranch community.

The video and FAQ are also available on Public Health's website at:
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 February 5, 2016:

- The Fire Department continues to bring additional resources as needed to support the 150 plus operations personnel.
- An Assisting and Cooperating Agencies meeting was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016. Key representatives from Federal, State, and local agencies attended.
- Sampling activities both on and off site continue to be monitored for the safety of personnel and the community.
- Health Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD) personnel will continue to provide technical review of the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak Expanded Air Monitoring report. This report will be updated weekly.

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About the 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.