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ALISO CANYON GAS LEAK – INCIDENT UPDATE – FEBRUARY 19, 2016

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

At a press briefing on February 18, 2016, the California Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) confirmed that the leaking well at the Aliso Canyon facility has been permanently sealed. With DOGGR's confirmation, the Unified Command for the incident will demobilize effective February 19, 2016.

The Expanded Air Monitoring Plan and other health assessment activities will continue until Public Health determines that these are no longer necessary. The public's health is the number one priority and we will take any action necessary to ensure the protection of Los Angeles County residents.

More information, including the latest press release and reports on air monitoring results, available at: www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/gasleak.

Los Angeles County Fire Department

Los Angeles County Fire Department's Health Hazardous Materials Division (HHMD) will continue to be involved at the Aliso Canyon Incident even though Unified Command has ended.

HHMD will continue to work on the following items:

- Legislation and regulatory development regarding natural gas wells
- Community air sampling & monitoring with Public Health and AQMD
- Ensure regulatory requirements are met at the facility

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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.