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Dear Ms Wong,

I have followed the ongoing impact of the Aliso Canyon storage leak on the public health. Apparently there are still problems. The people must be cared for.

Meanwhile, the full amount of methane leaked needs to be captured as soon as possible. The type of methane capture is negotiable but the amount is not. The polluter should right away work with the dairy farms on technology to capture that methane and start repairing the pipelines and storage caves wherever they leak.

If the polluter is going to make it up by doing energy efficiency in Porter Ranch homes and CO2 emissions reduction will be used to offset the leaked methane, then the 15 year horizon figure for methane must be used. Methane and CO2 are not interchangeable in their global warming potential.

Besides the mitigation of that leak, it is overtime to identify and sanction all leaks of methane. There is no more fair and effective way than a tax on uncaptured, unburnt methane. There are ways to do it. I have seen calculations that put the social cost at \$4000 per ton. I have heard that a proper cost accounting for unburnt methane would wreck the carbon credit market. So be it. We should have had a carbon tax all along. The carbon shell game is not efficiently reducing greenhouse gases as required by the science. Read Dr James Hansen's paper in print "Ice Melt, Sea Level Rise and Superstorms" to understand that these problems will not occur linearly, but are happening faster and probably much more unpredictably than earlier thinking.

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