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Viability of Aliso Canyon

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- June 1, 2017, Governor Brown spoke on MSNBC to the nation, on how CA is ahead in decarbonizing our economy, and states CA has a very imaginative and aggressive climate action policy. That CA policy is also growing the economy 40% faster than the national average because of new changes in reliability. He wants to do the right thing to get us to energy sustainability. This must include facilities like Aliso Canyon, which caused 25% of all methane released in the state last year, to be closed, permanently. If he agrees with the CA Senate, to lead a multi nation summit on moving forward, solutions to long term reliability will come sooner than later.
- Twice this past week I called the AQMD after smelling a strong burning rubber odor within my home, doors and windows closed, coming in from outside. The AQMD agent both times stated, this is NOT a “natural” smell. He saw I got very ill being outside, told me to please get inside. I live less than half a mile from the SoCal Gas entrance.
- 591 Days since the supposed start of the largest gas release in U.S. history, and not one blackout. Yet Glen LaFevers, Storage Operations Manager stated under oath, at the August 6, 2016 AQMD abatement hearing, there are an average of 2 leaks/day at Aliso with it not even in service. Additionally, off gassing of unknown time frame has been admitted by Jason Marshall, Deputy Director of the CDC on February 9, 2017. National Laboratories was asked and has no way of predicting how long the present off gassing will continue. New reports of brining leakage of unknown reasons at SS25, SS25A, SS25B, presently occur, with answers needed.
- EES Consulting, a Kirkland, Wash., engineering firm hired by LA County is the newest, and one of four independent studies stating Aliso is not needed and further investigation into regulators is advised, concluded after the numerous false scares of blackouts by SoCal Gas. This confirms San Diego engineer Bill Power’s study on reliability.
- Summer requirements for gas are less than in winter. Last June, 2016 was the hottest June on record and no blackouts. DWP has many clean options

for producing electricity, and must progress faster within the City of LA in creating a plan to use these options. The city is way behind entire countries in moving forward with clean methods of energy reliability. Senator Stern has passed SB801 through the CA Senate, and hopes to pass it through the Assembly, currently talking with the City of LA, to help in producing cleaner electricity in So California.

- More clean energy jobs are produced every year than fossil fuel or coal related jobs. Do not buy into the fears of job losses. It IS the long term future of the country and the world. Governor Brown backed this economic growth in his statements June 1 on MSNBC.
- The promised long term health study by SoCal Gas has yet to materialize. Residents in the northwest valley continue to be sick with no answers, including myself and my dog. A study should have started immediately and be long term. No one has tested the soils and water tributaries around the neighborhoods. Until we all know what we were exposed to, still are, and the reasons for our recurring symptoms, there is no long term safe viability.
- Include the LAFD first alert leaders in your studies, they want answers to many safety questions, fire, earthquake and others, and have come out publically to decommission Aliso permanently. This facility is in a very high fire and earthquake zone. Their lives are at stake and SoCal Gas cannot prevent natural occurrences and have failed to have any viable safety plans.
- The LA County School District also is in support of decommissioning Aliso, concerned long term for the health of children and teaching professionals over any reliability issues SCG is pushing. Since the April meeting, we have lost a grade school teacher of 27 years in Porter Ranch, to bone and bladder cancer, we need answers as to how long we have been exposed to chemicals, which ones, and what their mix is doing to the community. Health is #1 in long term reliability, or we have nothing.
- No short or long term safety plan has been put into effect for any type of “accident” or other caused disaster at Aliso. No instant alerts to the community are set up. Yet the Santa Susana fault runs through every well, and scientists agree there is huge risk, and more studies must be done. SoCal Gas monitors required for only three years under legal settlement are not working most of the time, with most of them showing the exact same readings 24/7 outdoors of 2ppm, or usually read zero. Who is really managing safety? Most of the time, when the SoCal Gas monitors are down, the Argos monitor has been showing abnormally high readings

consistently. I received a letter this past Saturday, nine days after the fact, of new leaks at their facility, supposedly due to Crimson Oil. Yet no government agency has reached out to me, or others sick from whatever is going on, and gotten answers. This is no way to be viable, nor reliable.

- Long term viability must include the fact of so much incorrect information provided in the past by SoCal Gas, to residents and government, leading to lawsuits for such acts by several government entities. What will prevent them from lying to everyone in the future? Is this a risk worth taking? From the day the blowout was found to now, the truth has not been told nor the answers, about what has really been going on at their facility, and what we were and still are exposed to on every level. They claimed they wanted to know the root cause analysis, yet are fighting Senator Stern and Wilks on a bi partisan effort along with the residents, in discovering the root cause prior to opening anything at Aliso.
- I have everything to lose if this facility opens long term; risks to my health, indefinite income loss, loss of outdoor activity and the daily fear of when the next disaster at the facility will occur. Because, it will. Because it has. I urge you to permanently decommission this dangerous facility, run by an untrustworthy company, and learn how and urge our city, state, country, and world in changing quickly to clean, safe and reliable energy.