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**AES Redondo Beach Safety Systems Worked as Designed During
Minor Equipment Failure**

No hazard to public or worker health, operations back to normal

REDONDO BEACH, CA — The AES Redondo Beach generating station experienced a minor equipment failure during the early evening of Friday, August 28, which “tripped” one of four generating units at the station — automatically switching it offline, allowing for a safe shutdown of the system.

As a result of the unit trip, the natural gas safety relief valves automatically opened, releasing some natural gas into the atmosphere over the course of approximately 19 minutes

This safety device functioned as designed and there was no public or worker safety hazard. However, there was a noticeable odor as a result of the natural gas release.

The cause of the “trip” was investigated and discovered — a faulty control system part on the low-pressure natural gas system that supplies fuel to the steam generator. The generating unit was reset, restarted and released for normal operations approximately 30 minutes after the event.

The following agencies have been notified: U.S. EPA Region 9 Duty Office, California Office of Emergency Service, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and the City of Redondo Beach Fire Department. The Fire Department has made an on-site inspection.

Safety comes first at AES — and we are pleased that all safety systems and plant personnel responded appropriately, ensuring that this event posed no hazard to the public. AES sincerely regrets the incident, and will continue our diligent efforts to prevent such events in the future.

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