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Shut Down Aliso Canyon

I am writing to voice my opinion regarding the Aliso canyon gas storage facility, which needs to be shut down and fully decommissioned.

I feel a deep sense of futility in writing this. Many of our elected officials and the appointees of the CPUC and other agencies seem to be fully in the pockets of the oil and gas industry. I fear the decision to open this leaking sieve of a piggy bank for Sempra Energy has already been made. My only hope is that there is power in numbers. If enough of us show that we care and are paying attention, perhaps this will shame these agencies and our government to making the right move.

As a 20 plus year resident of Porter Ranch, I am very upset with the CPUC, DOGGER our Governor and many others. What has been going on up here all these years?!?!?! The Gas Co. removed a safety valve in 1979 and never bothered to replace it??? The blown out well, SS-25 was showing signs of leakage for decades that were ignored. The Gas Co. was allowed to use both the tubing and casing for gas injection. They've been scarcely regulated all these years. Now they want to start injecting gas again before even competing a root cause analysis of what went wrong with SS25. The tubing and casing that caused this disaster are still in the ground.

I also have other concerns. There are inadequate safety plans in case of future calamity. We are in a high fire and earthquake area. Each well needs to have a shut off valve.

The Gas Co. is also fighting the Department of Public Health in court, after all they've done to us. They are fighting a health study and refuse to clean up our homes. I moved back in March and they only cleaned my outside windows. Nothing inside, where a signature of metals has been found by the health department. And this is just all ok?

Your rush to reopen this facility is premature at best. It is also likely completely unnecessary to meet the energy needs of Southern California. I read in Sunday's LA Times that we actually have a glut of energy. If that's the case, why put an entire community in harm's way, just to create more reserves that are not needed. This facility seems nothing more than a piggy bank for Sempra Energy. One that my family is forced to pay for with our health and well being. During the blow out, the gas invaded our homes and our bodies. Do you know what it is like to sit in your house and smell the poison coming into your living room? To have it in your bedroom with you, and it's the first thing you smell in the morning? I do. I have not forgotten.

If you reopen this facility, I want you to know that I am here. I am paying attention and will be at every protest to voice my objection.

Sincerely,

Tina Gioulis

Sent from my iPhone