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Aliso Canyon is unnecessary and unsafe at any capacity or pressure

Stop the madness and SHUT Aliso Canyon DOWN – Such facilities cannot safely co-exist in urban areas!

1. As of the BLOW OUT in Oct 2015, thousands of people in the surrounding North San Fernando Valley got sick, since the capping of the well SS-25; off-gassing and other emissions leaks are causing people to still be sick and all indications suggest people will continue to be sick
2. The common dominator is the proximity to Aliso Canyon, AND the –largest natural gas storage facility in the west– which should have never been allowed to be located in a highly populace area
3. Initially, 69.3% of the 114 wells in Aliso Canyon FAILED as demonstrated by DOGGR testing
4. –Aliso Canyon has, on average, 2 leaks per day– as testified by SoCal Gas, under oath at a recent AQMD hearing
5. Demonstrating this field has been leaking unabated for a very long time
 - a. Just because we can’t see the gas leaks with the naked eye, like an oil spill into the ocean or ground, doesn’t dismiss the obligation of all parties to –mind the store– -- the system has failed and will fail again!
6. Aliso Canyon has been incompetently run for decades, 69.3% failure rate! How is that possible?
 - a. Either, SoCal Gas, DOGGR and CPUC knew and that is negligence, or
 - b. SoCal Gas, DOGGR and CPUC were unaware and that’s incompetence
 - c. Either way, SoCal Gas and parent Sempra Energy, DOGGR and CPUC have earned a NO confidence vote of this community and surely that of any logical thinking individual for continued operation of a decrepit, antiquated, miss-managed facility
7. Further demonstration of this incompetence by all parties, is the very idea of a discussion to re-opening the facility without:
 - a. Completion of a root cause analysis and definitive causal findings of well SS-25’s blowout; if you don’t understand what happened how anyone can say, –we’ve taken the steps to ensure this won’t happen again– this is bad science, bad policy and worse, gross negligence!
 - b. Complete, comprehensive, longitudinal health study to understand how Aliso Canyon’s proximity to a populace has impact our health; there are no health studies to date to determine the health risks we suffered due to long term exposure to the mercaptan and ALL other chemicals that leaked out during the blowout AND those used to stop the leak, including benzene a known carcinogenic
 - c. Completion of a robust seismic study as the field resides with several active and major fault lines
 - d. Evacuation Plan – LA county Fire Depart as made many public comments and documentats filed with your organization of the lack of a safety and evacuation plan – The utility and its regulators are all operating on a wink-n-a-prayer this won’t happen again; yet it will
 - e. Completion of a needs assessment of Aliso Canyon – there are numerous studies that demonstrate Aliso Canyon storage is not necessary to meet the energy needs of the area, including: ESS, letter from PRNC (Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council) and others
8. Furthermore, through proper planning and mediation of energy sources, Aliso Canyon has been inactive for over 590 days (as of 6/5/17) and there have been ZERO shortages to core or non-core customers – stop the madness!
9. Surrounding residents have zero confidence in SoCal Gas, DOGGR, CPUC or any other agency to protect us based on this long running history of bad actors, incompetent operations and poor or ineffective regulatory oversight
10. As history has demonstrated, NO ONE can protect us from another gas blow out like well SS-25:
 - a. Mother Nature, human error, material failure, and equally important, greed* ensures another blow-out will occur and NO ONE can guarantee it won’t

b. *SoCal Gas has demonstrated their greed for profits over safety maintaining their facilities, endangering the lives and health of those working in or surrounding Aliso Canyon and there is no indication they will do so in the future. Keep in mind, SoCal Gas did nothing in good faith to come to the help and aid of those surrounding Aliso Canyon that wasn't court ordered. Relocation, cleaning of homes, added policing, etc. were ALL court ordered, never voluntary on SoCal Gas's part " this organization is full of bad actors!

11. Shut this facility down as it never should have been allowed to be here in the first place!