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## **MEDIA STATEMENT ON SOCALGAS' DECISION TO APPEAL COURT'S ADDITIONAL EXTENSION OF RELOCATION ORDER**

*Yesterday, the Superior Court granted the Los Angeles County's request to extend the period for returning home for those residents who are relocated as a result of the Aliso Canyon natural gas leak. SoCalGas appealed the decision. Following is our statement:*

SoCalGas has filed an appeal of yesterday's decision. Our decision to file an appeal recognizes the substantial, public body of scientific data from local, independent air quality and health agencies that have demonstrated that the air quality in the area has never posed any long-term health risk, and that the air has now returned to the typical air quality levels that existed prior to the leak. These health agencies say that with the leak gone, related symptoms should be gone. Air quality levels in and around Porter Ranch are consistent with levels before the leak occurred.

Given these independent health findings, we were disappointed by the Court's order, as it conflicts with the science and health assessments made by the county's own health experts over the last few months and even as recently as Feb. 18.

We recognize this is confusing for those deciding to return home or stay in hotels. Pending the resolution of the appeal, relocated residents who remained in hotels, or who checked out of the hotels yesterday, may continue to stay in their hotels or return to their hotels under the relocation plan. If rooms are not available for returning residents, SoCalGas will attempt to locate another hotel room as set forth in the relocation plan. Given that the order was issued at the planned termination and demobilization date of the relocation plan, we cannot guarantee that rooms will be immediately available. Qualifying residents may, however, self-place in a hotel and seek reimbursement according to the relocation plan. All residents who choose to continue will need to indicate that by completing an online form on [alisoupdates.com](http://alisoupdates.com).

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