



## SoCalGas® Delivers Bi-Weekly Update on Aliso Canyon Well Inspections

### To date 90 percent of wells have completed phase one safety testing

LOS ANGELES – May 11, 2016 – SoCalGas® provided its latest bi-weekly report to the Department of Conservation's Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) on inspections of wells at its Aliso Canyon storage facility on Friday, May 6, 2016. To date:

- 101 wells, or about 90 percent, of the 114 active wells at the facility have completed phase one inspections.
- The remaining 13 wells are awaiting completion of phase one temperature and noise tests.
- 58 wells have moved on to phase two of the inspection protocol with the others to follow.

In compliance with DOGGR's testing regime, SoCalGas is working toward being able to operate the Aliso Canyon storage facility by late summer subject to DOGGR confirmation that the field can safely be put back into injection operation. SoCalGas has been providing bi-weekly reports to DOGGR since March 25, 2016.

Under the three phased framework to safely bring the Aliso Canyon storage facility back online, in compliance with DOGGR's Order 1109, all 114 wells at the Aliso Canyon facility will undergo diagnostic tests during phase one of the inspection process. DOGGR will review the phase one test results and confirm whether each well can continue to phase two testing or be safely taken temporarily out of service and isolated from the storage reservoir until enhanced inspections can take place. Additionally, phase one testing will identify wells that need additional investigation of anomalies during phase two.

During phase two, each well will either go through the series of enhanced testing to fully determine the safety and integrity of the well and be put back in service, or be scheduled for plug and abandonment. If repairs are required, those will be made and the well will follow the phase two testing regime to determine that the well is safe to operate. Only wells that pass the full battery of six DOGGR required tests will be considered for storage operations.

After all wells have successfully completed these two phases, DOGGR can confirm the field is able to be safely put back into injection operation. Test results are submitted by SoCalGas, reviewed by DOGGR staff, and then posted bi-weekly [here](#).

Since October 25, no natural gas has been injected into the Aliso Canyon storage facility and all injection activity into the facility remains suspended until SoCalGas complies with DOGGR's Safety Review Testing Regime. Withdrawals from the facility were also stopped at the direction of the California Public Utilities Commission unless needed to meet energy reliability requirements.

SoCalGas continues to support the efforts of the California Public Utilities Commission Safety Enforcement Division and DOGGR onsite at the Aliso Canyon storage facility in their investigation of the incident. SoCalGas is also continuing to work closely with other agencies on the issues related to the incident.

The Aliso Canyon storage facility is an important part of interdependent natural gas and electricity systems in Southern California. SoCalGas is committed to working with regulators, lawmakers, customers, and other service providers to bring the facility back online safely, expeditiously, and in compliance with all new regulations.

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