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MEDIA STATEMENT ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

LOS ANGELES, May 13, 2016 - Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas®) has issued the following statement in response to Thursday's Department of Public Health's (DPH) presentation at the Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting:

"The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) acknowledged at last night's Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council's Community Advisory Committee meeting: No barrier exists for residents to return home, and it is safe for residents to be home in Porter Ranch and the surrounding community. The Department of Public Health's data clearly indicate that there are no levels of concern of any of the approximately 250 substances the agency tested for in the homes, including metals like barium, none of which was detected at any level of health concern. The data confirms what thousands of outdoor air samples have already demonstrated: there is no risk to public health related to the leak and it is, and has been, safe for residents who chose to relocate to return home.

"This data finally provides residents with the additional support they have been looking for: there is no risk to public health related to the leak in the community. It is time for the residents who chose to remain relocated to exit the relocation program, and for the community as a whole to return to normal.

"DPH has recommended that residents clean their homes with soap and water, and vacuum out of an abundance of caution to address dust that may have accumulated while residents were away. However, DPH also stated that cleaning 'is not a barrier to move back in.' After months of uncertainty, it is time for the Porter Ranch community to be whole again and for those who have remained relocated awaiting DPH's test results to return to their homes.

"We continue to work to support the transition back to normalcy. Over the past several months, our dedicated employees, many of whom live in Porter Ranch, have served more than 30,000 resident visits at our Community Resource Center, provided temporary housing for 8,000 families, processed more than 41,000 reimbursements totaling \$76 million, installed 38,000 air filtration systems, and cleaned, public parks, playgrounds, and schools.

"We continue to work quickly to process reimbursements, and we will deliver on our promise to mitigate the greenhouse gas emissions from the leak."

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Southern California Gas Co. has been delivering clean, safe and reliable natural gas to its customers for more than 140 years. It is the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility, providing service to 21.4 million consumers connected through 5.9 million meters in more than 500 communities. The company's service territory encompasses approximately 20,000 square miles throughout central and Southern California, from Visalia to the Mexican border. Southern California Gas Co. is a regulated subsidiary of Sempra Energy (NYSE: SRE), a Fortune 500 energy services holding company based in San Diego.

