SoCalGas Delivers on Commitment to Conduct Thorough Measurement of Emissions from Aliso Canyon Leak

Actual measurement of emissions is in line with ARB’s preliminary estimates

LOS ANGELES – May 26, 2016 – Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) today announced it has completed a thorough physical measurement of the gas inventory in its Aliso Canyon storage facility reservoir and determined the most likely level of actual emissions from the well that was previously leaking. The emissions align closely with preliminary estimates made by the California Air Resources Board (ARB), and estimates made by third-party scientists.

Last year, before the leaking well was permanently sealed, SoCalGas committed to mitigate the greenhouse gas emissions from the leak. The physical measurement of the gas inventory in the reservoir confirms a variance of 4.62 billion cubic feet (BCF) of natural gas, which translates to emissions of approximately 84,200 metric tons (MT). SoCalGas is in the process of developing its mitigation plan to address the greenhouse gas emissions from the leak. Consistent with the ARB’s recommendations, SoCalGas is exploring methane emissions mitigation from multiple sources, such as dairies and landfills in California.

“SoCalGas pledged to mitigate the greenhouse gas emissions from the leak to live up to our long-standing commitment to protecting the environment,” said SoCalGas President and Chief Executive Officer Dennis Arriola. “Our measurement is based on data from the operation of Aliso Canyon before, during and after the leak event. This measurement will be used to help determine practical ways to mitigate the emissions. As we go forward, the guidance provided by California Air Resources Board will be instrumental in developing our mitigation plan.”

This physical measurement of the actual gas inventory provides a baseline for SoCalGas’ mitigation planning and is slightly lower but in line with ARB’s preliminary estimate of 94,500 MT (approximately 5.22 BCF of natural gas). The figures released by ARB were rough estimates derived from flyover samples taken on 11 days during the 112-day leak event. An independent third-party analysis, using a different methodology, estimated total emissions of 86,000 MT (approximately 4.75 BCF of natural gas), which further validates SoCalGas’ actual inventory measurement.

SoCalGas has signed letters of intent with several California dairies to manage methane emissions, and will finalize its mitigation plan in the coming months. For more information visit www.alisoupdates.com.

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Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) has been delivering clean, safe and reliable natural gas to its customers for more than 145 years. It is the nation's largest natural gas distribution utility, providing service to 21.6 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. SoCalGas is a regulated subsidiary of Sempra Energy (NYSE: SRE), a Fortune 500 energy services holding company based in San Diego.

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catastrophic accidents, equipment failures and other events that may disrupt our operations, damage our facilities and systems, cause the release of greenhouse gases and harmful emissions, and subject us to third-party liability for property damage or personal injuries, fines and penalties, some of which may not be covered by insurance or may be disputed by insurers; the inability or determination not to enter into long-term supply and sales agreements or long-term firm capacity agreements due to insufficient market interest, unattractive pricing or other factors; and other uncertainties, all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control.

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