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**SoCalGas Statement on Settlement Agreement with District Attorney for Los Angeles County
Related to Aliso Canyon**

Earlier today, [Southern California Gas Co.](#) (SoCalGas) entered into a settlement agreement with the District Attorney's Office for Los Angeles County related to operations at the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility. Under the terms of the agreement, SoCalGas plead no contest to one count in the Complaint, a misdemeanor violation of Health and Safety Code Section 25510(a) for failing to timely report the natural gas leak to the California Office of Emergency Services and the Los Angeles County Fire Department from October 23-26, 2015. The remaining counts will be dismissed upon performance of the agreement. Under the terms of the settlement agreement, SoCalGas will pay up to approximately \$4.3 million. In response to today's agreement, SoCalGas issued the following statement:

"SoCalGas is committed to working with its regulators to address issues with respect to the Aliso Canyon facility. Today's agreement, which provides for the implementation of certain approved operational enhancements, including updated notification, monitoring, and training procedures, is another important step in our efforts to put the leak behind us and to win back the trust of the community. These are in addition to other enhancements that have already been instituted by the company.

"Aliso Canyon is critical to the reliability of natural gas and electricity services in Southern California. We are diligently working with state officials to complete a comprehensive safety review of the facility and are committed to providing safe and reliable energy to the millions of Californians who rely on us each day."

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