



## COMMUNITY AWARENESS

# PLAYA DEL REY NATURAL GAS STORAGE FACILITY

### MEETING THE REGION'S ENERGY NEEDS

The SoCalGas® Playa del Rey natural gas storage facility (Playa del Rey) plays a key role in meeting the Los Angeles region's energy needs. With its central location in the heart of the metropolitan service area, our Playa del Rey facility is essential to providing families and businesses in Southern California with safe and reliable natural gas, especially during periods of peak natural gas usage.

Local natural gas storage facilities, like Playa del Rey, are critical to the reliability of Southern California's natural gas and electricity systems. About 90 percent of homes use natural gas for space heating and hot water, and about 60 percent of the electricity in California is generated using natural gas. Storing natural gas locally protects families and consumers from energy shortages and sudden spikes in the price of natural gas.

### INDUSTRY-LEADING SAFETY MEASURES

Over the last 18 months SoCalGas has worked with leading experts, state agencies, and the Porter Ranch community to introduce new safety enhancements, comprehensive inspections, and advanced monitoring technologies at our Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility, and to improve communications with residents who live near the facility. We are now focused on applying those safety enhancements to our other natural gas storage facilities.

Many of these new enhancements have already been introduced at our facility at Playa del Rey.

SoCalGas has taken steps to ensure the Playa del Rey storage facility meets and exceeds the rigorous standards set by state regulators.

- All wells at Playa del Rey are undergoing the same comprehensive battery of tests conducted at Aliso Canyon.
- The state's energy experts have called these tests the most comprehensive tests in the country.

### MAJOR CUSTOMERS INCLUDE:

- Southern California Edison Alamitos Generating Station
- Haynes Generating Station
- Southern California Edison Redondo Beach Toll
- Watson Cogeneration
- Scattergood Generating Station
- El Segundo Energy Center LLC - High Pressure
- Chevron Products Company
- Torrance Refining Company LLC
- Chevron Products Company - Cogen
- Air Products And Chemicals, Inc.



We are also using industry-leading technology and practices in our operations.

- SoCalGas has installed a remote pressure monitoring system for all wells at the Playa del Rey storage facility.
- Additionally, the majority of the storage wells are configured so that natural gas only flows through newly-installed steel inner tubing. This allows the outer casing to be a second barrier of protection against potential leaks.
- Daily patrols are also conducted to inspect for leaks.

## **WORKING WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY**

### **Local Community Advisory Council**

SoCalGas has been working with the communities around Playa del Rey for years. In fact, Playa del Rey was the first storage facility to have a dedicated Community Advisory Council – a group of residents and community leaders to help inform policy decisions and keep neighbors up-to-date on activities. That model is now standard practice across our service territory.

### **Community Notifications**

Members of the community can now sign up to receive air quality notifications via phone call, text message and/or email, in the event of a release of natural gas at any one of SoCalGas' natural gas storage facilities. Visit [socalgas.com/communitynotifications](http://socalgas.com/communitynotifications) or call 1-800-427-2200 to sign up to receive Community Notifications.

For more information about the Playa del Rey storage facility, visit [socalgas.com](http://socalgas.com) (search "PLAYA DEL REY").

## **ABOUT SOCALGAS**

SoCalGas is the largest natural gas distribution utility in the United States, providing clean, safe, affordable and reliable natural gas service to 21.7 million customers in Central and Southern California. SoCalGas has served communities in California for 150 years and is committed to being a leader in the region's clean energy future.

