



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Dennis Arriola  
Chief Executive Officer, Southern California Gas Company  
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Dear Mr. Arriola,

Since October 23 – eight weeks ago – the natural gas leak at Aliso Canyon has been impacting the local community, polluting the environment and creating a worker safety hazard. I recognize that the gas leak presents a very difficult technical challenge, and your company's employees are working hard. At this point however, these efforts have proven insufficient.

As you know, in close coordination with my office, seven state agencies are providing oversight of Southern California Gas' efforts to stop the leak and protect public health and safety:

- The Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), the Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR), and Division of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA) have personnel on-site daily to oversee technical operations and ensure worker safety;
- DOGGR and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) have launched separate investigations into the cause of the leak and whether any violations have taken place;
- The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is monitoring health concerns in the local community and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) is measuring the amount of greenhouse gasses emitted from the leak; and
- The California Energy Commission (CEC) is monitoring and assessing the impacts on energy reliability.

These agencies have issued the appropriate orders to hasten closure of the leak, protect workers and the community and to hold Southern California Gas accountable. My office – on a daily basis – is being briefed on these efforts; we continue to consider any and all possible additional actions.

To that end, I have directed CPUC and CEC to explore the statewide utilization of stored natural gas in order to further decrease pressure in Aliso Canyon.

Additionally, I have instructed the state agencies involved in oversight of these efforts to coordinate closely with the California Attorney General's Office to ensure that the investigations into this matter be conducted as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr." with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.