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Dear Community Leader,

This letter is to address questions we received from members of the Playa del Rey community regarding a release of natural gas from a shuttered oil and gas well in neighboring Marina del Rey.

The well in question has never been owned by SoCalGas and *is not* part of SoCalGas' operation at the Playa del Rey natural gas storage facility.

DOGGR records indicate that the well was last abandoned in the 1950s. In addition, DOGGR's emergency order indicates that a hotel operator was re-abandoning the well to bring it into compliance with current standards for unused wells as part of a commercial construction project at the site.

Despite the well's relative proximity to SoCalGas' Playa del Rey natural gas storage facility, the well was drilled into a different reservoir and does not enter the subsurface zone where natural gas is stored.

The well in question is in an area known as "Venice" and located under Marina del Rey. The Venice area has a shallow oil and gas reservoir which is located at about 3,500 feet below sea level.

SoCalGas operates in the "Del Rey Hills," which is a different area (see attached DOGGR map) and is located southwest of the Venice area. SoCalGas' storage reservoir is 6,000 feet below sea level and capped by 100 feet of Nodular Shale and hundreds of feet of Puente and Repetto Shale.

In fact, the well where the natural gas release occurred is more than 2,500 feet outside the boundaries of the Playa del Rey storage facility. In addition, the well is approximately 6,500 feet (more than a mile) from the nearest active injection and withdrawal well at SoCalGas' facility.

We are committed to transparency in our operations and to keeping you informed as we learn more.

Best,

Mike Harriel