## INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

# Los Angeles Unified School District Office of Environmental Health and Safety

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<u>INFORMATIVE</u>

**DATE:** January 21, 2016

Members, Board of Education

Michelle King, Superintendent

**FROM:** Robert Laughton, Director

TO:

Office of Environmental Health and Safety

SUBJECT: ALISO CANYON GAS LEAK-EXPANSION OF VOLUNTARY RELOCATION ZONE

This informative is intended to provide an update on the recent actions of SoCal Gas (Southern California Gas) relative to the community impact of natural gas leak originating at the gas storage facility located in Aliso Canyon.

Due to the distribution of odor complaints received by both SoCal Gas and the SCAQMD (South Coast Air Quality Management District) an internal decision was made by SoCal Gas to expand the free voluntary relocation of residents from the original Porter Ranch area, to an expanded 5 mile radius of the leaking well SS25. This range was determined by the furthest confirmed odor complaint received, and does not indicate a safe or danger zone, nor was it confirmed by air testing as can be seen on Attachment 1 which shows air sample locations and odor complaints.

LAUSD has 18 additional schools within the expanded 5 mile radius which can be seen on Attachment 2, and a complete list on Attachment 3. While OEHS is aware of one odor complaint, no reports of any students or staff reporting mercaptan related issues at our school sites have been received. OEHS and Local District North West has received calls from concerned parents regarding what safety steps the district is taking regarding the expanded zone.

The OEHS and LDNW has taken the following steps regarding these concerns:

- 1. OEHS collaborated with SoCal Gas to provide air purifiers in every classroom, office, and common area on all 18 campuses. OEHS will work with the LDNW team to coordinate delivery and setup.
- 2. Initiated air sampling at all 18 schools on January 19, 2016. We will test two schools at a time for two days, and then move to the next group. Every school will then be tested every 10 days for the duration of this event. This strategy was shared with LA County Health Department and SCAQMD.
- 3. LDNW has discussed specific steps when gas odors are evident at schools sites. These steps were covered at principal meetings this week, and are included in Attachment 4.

Consistent with the testing performed at Porter Ranch and Castlebay, all results will be posted on OEHS website daily as they become available.

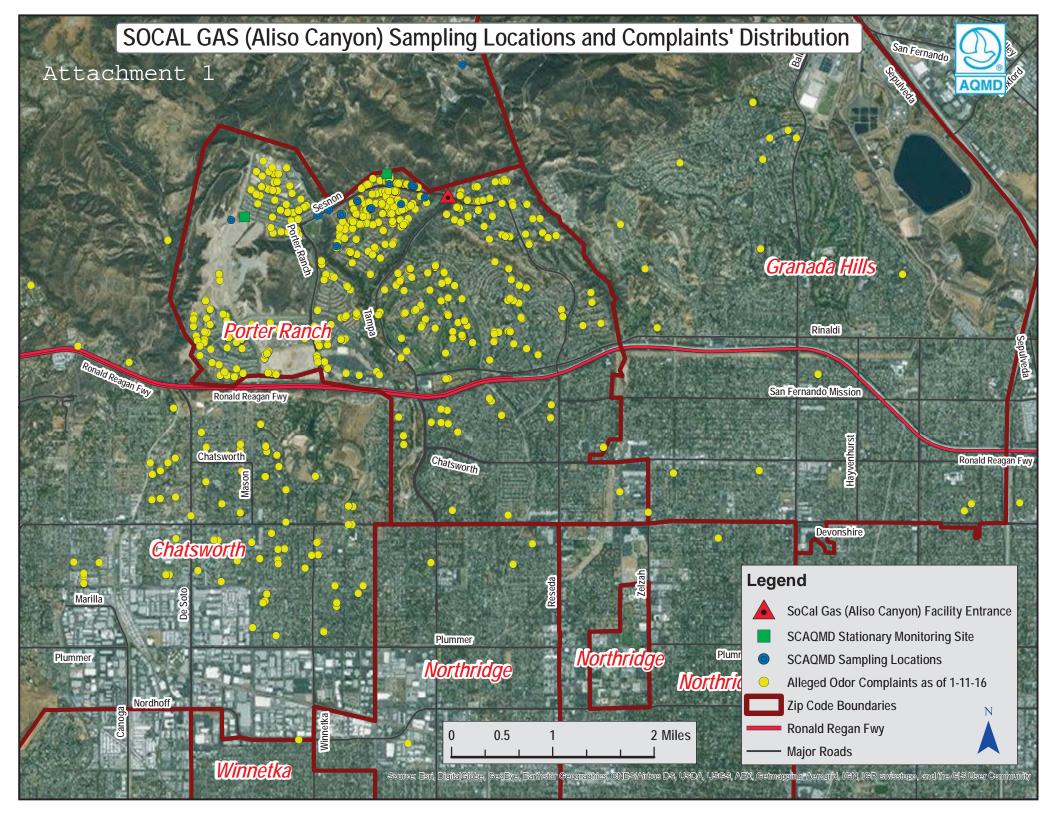
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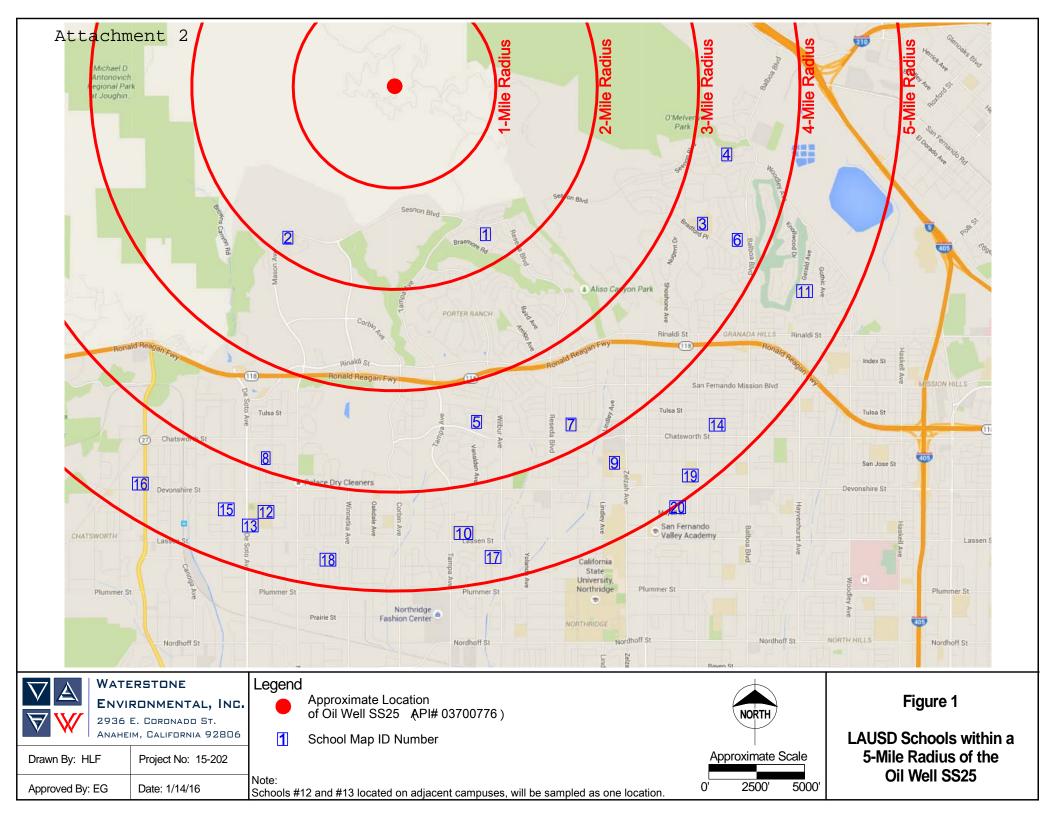
If you need any additional information, please contact me at (213) 241-3405.

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## Attachment 3

## LAUSD Schools Within 5-mile Radius of Oil Well SS25 (API #03700776)

Map ID	School Name	School Abbreviation for Sampling ID	Address	Distance (miles)	Range (miles)	Direction	Principal	Telephone No.	Sampling Event Date	Contact Date	Plant Manager	P.M. Telephone No.
1	Castlebay Lane Charter School	СВ	19010 Castlebay Ln, Porter Ranch, CA 91326	1.7	1 to 2	SE	LITTLEJOHN, VICTORIA	818-360-1908	11/30-12/18		N/A	N/A
2	Porter Ranch Community School	PR	12450 Mason Ave; Porter Ranch, CA 91326	1.8	1 to 2	SW	PAULINO MELVIN, MARY E	818-709-7100	11/30-12/18	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	Robert Frost Middle School	RF	12314 Bradford Pl, Granada Hills, CA 91344	3.2	3 to 4	SE	AYALA, JOSE F	818-832-6900	1/25-1/26			
4	Van Gogh Charter	VG	17160 Van Gogh St, Granada Hills, CA 91344	3.3	3 to 4	ESE	MERLONI, PAMELA J	818-360-2141	1/25-1/26			
5	Beckford Avenue Elementary School	BF	19130 Tulsa St, Porter Ranch, CA 91326	3.4	3 to 4	S	BROWER, SHELLY C	818-360-1924	1/19-1/20	1/15/2016		
6	El Oro Way Elementary School	EO	12230 El Oro Way, Granada Hills, CA 91344	3.7	3 to 4	SE	CHOI, SOOJOON	818-360-2288				
7	Darby Avenue Charter School	DA	10818 Darby Ave, Northridge, CA 91326	3.8	3 to 4	SE	LEE, LUCY H	818-360-1824	1/19-1/20	1/15/2016		
8	Germain Elementary School	GE	20730 Germain St, Chatsworth, CA 91311	3.9	3 to 4	SW	UGARTE, SONIA M	818-341-5821	1/21-1/22			
9	Granada Hills Charter High School	GH	10535 Zelzah Ave, Granada Hills, CA 91344	4.2	4 to 5	SE	BAUER, BRIAN	818-360-2361				
10	Alfred Bernhard Nobel Middle School	AB	9950 Tampa Ave, Northridge, CA 91324	4.4	4 to 5	S	HOROWITZ, DEREK	818-773-4700				
11	Knollwood Elementary School	KW	11822 Gerald Ave, Granada Hills, CA 91344	4.5	4 to 5	ESE	SALAZAR, CECILIA	818-363-9558				
12	Chatsworth High School (adjacent to #13)	СН	10027 Lurline Ave, Chatsworth, CA 91311	4.5	4 to 5	SW	GUY, TIMOTHY D	818-678-3400				
13	Stoney Point High School (adjacent to #12)	SP	10010 De Soto Ave, Los Angeles, CA 91311	4.6	4 to 5	SW	PADGETT, GEORGE T	818-678-3491				
14	Granada Elementary School	GR	17170 Tribune St, Granada Hills, CA 91344	4.6	4 to 5	SE	VAN HOUTEN, CYNTHIA A	818-363-3188				
15	Ernest Lawrence Middle School	EL	10100 Variel Ave, Chatsworth, CA 91311	4.6	4 to 5	SW	SCHAR, DANFORD A	818-678-7900				
16	Chatsworth Park Elementary School	СР	22005 Devonshire St, Chatsworth, CA 91311	4.6	4 to 5	SW	RATNER, RACHELLE H	818-341-1371				
17	Topeka Drive Elementary School	TD	9815 Topeka Dr, Northridge, CA 91324	4.7	4 to 5	S	DIXON, TEMIKA S	818-886-2266				
18	Superior Street Elementary School	SS	9756 Oso Ave, Chatsworth, CA 91311	4.7	4 to 5	SW	SCHUBERT, JERILYN H	818-349-1410	1/21-1/22			
19	Patrick Henry Middle School	PH	17340 San Jose St, Granada Hills, CA 91344	4.8	4 to 5	SE	CRUZ, SANDRA L	818-832-3870				
20	Andasol Avenue Elementary School	AA	10126 Encino Ave, Northridge, CA 91325	5	4 to 5	SE	DENEN, PAULA S	818-349-8631				

## Attachment 4

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#### DARNEIKA WATSON

Local District Northwest Administrator of Operations

January 17, 2016

Dear Principal,

As you are aware, Local District Northwest has recently been involved in the relocation of Porter Ranch Community School and Castlebay Lane Charter School as a direct result of the Aliso Canyon gas leak. It has come to our attention that your school may be identified in the radius of the impacted area.

In an effort to respond to the increasing parent concerns, we would like you to use the following as talking points:

- Refer parents to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health at 213-240-8156, as concerns pertain to health related issues, such as nausea, vomiting, headaches, nosebleeds, and/or upper respiratory issues.
- Refer parents to the LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety at 213-241-3199, as concerns pertain to air sampling, the frequency of monitoring, and the posting of test results.
- Refer parents to the Gas Company at 213-244-5151, as concerns pertain to the gas smell and/or specifics about the leak.
- Keep a monitoring log of children that are visiting the nurse or being sent home due to health related issues such as nausea, vomiting, headaches, nosebleeds, and/or upper respiratory issues.
- Keep a monitoring log of staff members that are experiencing or reporting health related issues as a direct result of the gas leak. If they have specific questions in terms of Worker's Compensation, please have them contact Risk Management at 213-241-3139.
- The gas company is supporting the installation of filters as a precautionary measure.
- You can refer parents to our Local District Northwest Office at 818-654-3670 if they are interested in an alternative school location for the remainder of the school year.
- If a parent requests that his/her child remain inside during recess/lunch play, please make arrangements for the child to have some type of indoor activity. Continue to refer to the Inclement Weather Bulletin and use your best judgment in calling an inclement weather schedule. Your Operations Coordinator and Director are always available for support in making the determination.
- If a parent is interested in a home study option, please refer them to City of Angels at 323-321-2431.
- FAQs will be available to provide additional support for your responses to parents.

We appreciate and support your efforts in this huge undertaking of the unknown. We are here to support you in maintaining the stability of your instructional program.

Sincerely,

Darneika Watson Local District Northwest Administrator of Operations