

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR PLAYA DEL REY NEIGHBORS

DEAR NEIGHBOR,

We are pleased to share with you the Winter 2017/2018 issue of the Playa del Rey Natural Gas Storage Facility (PDR) Newsletter. In this edition, you'll find information on upcoming community events and storage operations. Also featured is our latest update on our storage facility enhancements and maintenance activities.

COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

OPEN HOUSE CANCELLATION

The PDR Open House for the community to see firsthand the safety procedures and operations at the facility that was scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 4, 2017 was cancelled after comments were made online by groups looking to disrupt the event and prevent others from entering the facility. Following consultation with local authority and corporate security personnel, it was determined that cancelling the event was in the best interest of our employees and neighbors in the local community.

FACILITY TOURS

We understand that many of our neighbors were disappointed that an outside influence succeeded in disrupting the scheduled PDR Open House event. To accommodate this, smaller tours will be arranged for immediate neighbors of PDR to see the facility without the threat of disruption.

Those interested in attending can reach out or wait to be contacted by Mike Harriel, Public Affairs Manager, whose contact information is shared at the end of this newsletter.

STORAGE OPERATIONS UPDATE

MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

During maintenance or injection and withdrawal operations, SoCalGas occasionally vents natural gas. We carefully monitor releases to be in compliance with air quality regulations. Because natural gas is lighter than air, it safely dissipates into the atmosphere. As natural gas is odorless and colorless, we add an odorant to help safely detect any leaks. This odorant may be noticeable during these activities, but the odor should not last long and will not have any lasting effects.

To minimize disruptions to neighbors, we plan operational and venting activities during times when people are typically at work and when winds are blowing for optimal venting. We also control venting by reducing pressures in pipelines and equipment. To reduce noise levels around the facility, we have installed soundproofing blankets and insulation at key locations.



COMPREHENSIVE WELL INSPECTIONS AND ENHANCEMENTS

SoCalGas has taken steps to ensure that PDR 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, which state energy experts have called the most comprehensive tests in the country. Workover rigs, which are currently onsite, are needed to perform the comprehensive tests on each of the wells. 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, all of the storage wells are now configured so that natural gas only flows through newly-installed steel inner tubing, allowing the outer casing to act as a second barrier of protection against potential leaks; and
- Daily patrols are also conducted to inspect for leaks

COMMENTS?

To request use of our facility for periodic neighborhood watch meetings or CPR training, or if you have any comments or questions about this newsletter, please write or call:

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MANAGE HIGHER BILLS

In colder months, households tend to use more natural gas for home heating and for water heating. Learn how to lower your natural gas bills during the colder months at socalgas.com/winter.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE COMMUNITY NOTIFICATIONS

Members of the PDR community can now sign up to receive Community Notifications in the event of a release of natural gas at any one of SoCalGas' natural gas storage facilities, including Playa del Rey. Visit socalgas.com/communitynotifications or call 1-800-427-2200 to sign up.

For more information about PDR, visit socalgas.com/playadelrey.

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