



**NEWS RELEASE**

## **SoCalGas Requests Regulatory Approval to Replenish Natural Gas Supply at Aliso Canyon Storage Facility**

LOS ANGELES – Nov. 1, 2016 – [Southern California Gas Co.](#) (SoCalGas) today requested regulatory approval to resume injection operations through approved wells at its Aliso Canyon storage facility. In support of this request, SoCalGas submitted a detailed status report on all 114 wells at the facility addressing the requirements of the California state-mandated [Comprehensive Safety Review](#) and provided additional information requested by state agencies, including a risk management plan for the facility.

“Over the last year we have made extensive physical upgrades and deployed advanced technologies to enhance safety at Aliso Canyon,” said SoCalGas President and Chief Operating Officer, Bret Lane. “These enhancements will further strengthen the facility’s infrastructure, introduce real-time pressure monitoring, and enable improved communications with stakeholders. As we move forward, we remain committed to a continuous improvement process.”

Examples of infrastructure and technology enhancements include the installation of:

- New inner metal tubing of every well approved for injection – in total more than 40 miles of new steel piping;
- Around-the-clock pressure monitoring of all wells in a 24-hour operations center;
- An infrared fence-line methane detection system.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources and the California Public Utilities Commission are responsible for confirming that the conditions to resume injection operations at Aliso Canyon have been met.

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