



SUMMARY ON THE OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS AT THE ALISO CANYON NATURAL GAS STORAGE FACILITY

On July 19, 2017, following months of rigorous inspection and analysis of wells, and the implementation of multiple new safety protocols at the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) concluded, and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) concurred, that the facility is safe to operate and can reopen at a greatly reduced capacity and withdraw gas from the facility only if there is a threat to energy reliability in the region.

The facility's operator, Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), can only withdraw from the facility for specific purposes. SoCalGas must maximize usage of the other fields, and there is a cap on what can be stored in Aliso. The end result is Aliso will only be used as a last resort for reliability purposes. Specifically:

- SoCalGas cannot inject above 23.6 billion cubic feet.
- There are specific protocols in effect defining when SoCalGas can withdraw. SoCalGas must limit withdrawals to times when gas is needed for reliability and only after all the other fields are at full usage and steps have been taken to reduce or shift demand. Those protocols and a recent letter from the CPUC's Executive Director ordering SoCalGas to follow those protocols are on the CPUC's website at www.cpuc.ca.gov/Aliso.
- SoCalGas has been directed by the CPUC to maintain storage capacity in their other storage facilities to a level that maximizes the ability of those fields to meet demand in the Los Angeles Basin.

More information is available at www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/Pages/AlisoCanyon.aspx and www.cpuc.ca.gov/Aliso.