

August 15, 2023

Honorable Gavin Newsom
California Governor
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Dear Governor Newsom:

On November 18, 2019, you sent a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) requesting *“additional action by the California Public Utilities Commission to expedite planning for the permanent closure of the Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility.”* You also stated that *“Additional actions are necessary to increase public health and safety protections and to combat climate change...”*. You expressed your concern that *“...the current proceeding will not yield the fastest...path towards closure of the facility.* You emphasized that the current proceeding *“...may be insufficient to shorten the ten-year timeline for closure outlined in 2017.”* In agreement with your directions, the CPUC staff put forward in September 2022, a proposed roadmap to reduce reliance on Aliso Canyon beginning in 2024 and achieving its closure by 2027. This proposed roadmap is awaiting a vote by the CPUC.

Thus, it came as a shock to us that the CPUC issued a proposed decision on July 28 to actually RAISE the storage volume in the field to the absolute maximum allowed by CalGEM. We fail to understand how the State is looking to actually raise the volume of gas in the field resulting in greater harm to public health and safety, as well as hampering the State’s ability to meet its climate goals, all in direct contrast to your call to go in the other direction and close the facility by 2027.

In spite of what Sempra wants everyone to believe, this facility represents a clear and present danger to California citizens. According to the South Coast Air Quality Management District, here is what this facility released in 2021 alone into the air around our homes, schools, and families:

Benzene:	298 pounds
Formaldehyde:	2,557 pounds
Trichloroethylene (TCE):	255 pounds
Methanol:	226 pounds

Other toxins include carbon tetrachloride, naphthalene, ethylene dibromide, toluene, ethyl benzene, chloroform, vinyl chloride, 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane, and many many others.

These toxic chemicals are emitted by the facility every day it is in operation, and ALL are classified as toxic to people, with many of them are known or suspected human carcinogens. We would like to believe that the continuous exposure of families – especially young children – to this soup of toxic chemicals is not acceptable to you or to the CPUC.


Many of our local, State, and national representatives understand the gravity of this matter, and have called for the rejection of the proposed proposal and/or the closure of the field by 2027. They include:

- US Senator Diane Feinstein
- Representative Brad Sherman
- Representative Adam Schiff
- Representative Katie Porter
- Representative Barbara Lee
- California Senator Henry Stern
- Assemblymember Pilar Schiavo
- Los Angeles County Supervisors
- Los Angeles City Council


It is time for our leaders to put action to words and deliver on their promises to the People they represent. We ask that you ensure that the CPUC rejects the call to raise the storage volume in the field and to implement the Staff proposal of September 2022 that ensures closure of the facility no later than 2027.

We look forward to your prompt response.

Respectfully,




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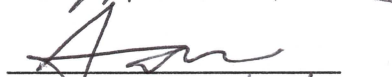
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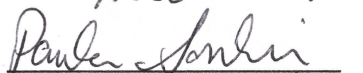
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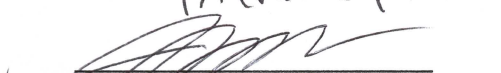
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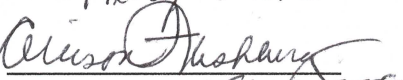
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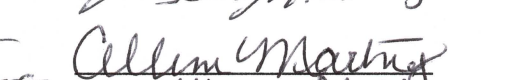
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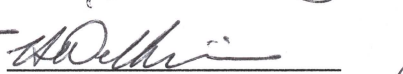
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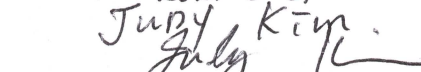
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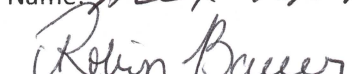
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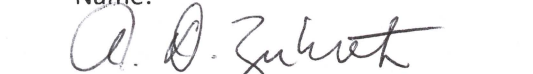
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