

Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study



October 2015 – February 2016 the largest natural gas blowout disaster in U.S. history occurred at the Southern California Gas Company's Aliso Canyon natural gas storage facility.



As a result of the disaster, people in neighboring communities experienced foul odors, oily mists, and acute health symptoms, including eye, nose, and throat irritation, headaches, and respiratory symptoms.



A settlement with Southern California Gas Company included \$25 million for a multi-year Health Study to contribute to the understanding of potential short and long-term health impacts from the blowout.



Public Health will administer funding to third-party researchers who will conduct the Health Study research under the guidance of the Scientific Oversight Committee, as mandated by the settlement.



A Community Advisory Group (CAG) was convened to offer input on the development of the Health Study. The CAG and members of the communities impacted by the blowout provided input on the Goals and Priorities report, which informs the goals and priorities of the Health Study.



The Scientific Oversight Committee (SOC) is comprised of representatives from six state and federal regulatory agencies, and seven independent experts in the areas of epidemiology, toxicology, and disaster behavioral health and other relevant areas of scientific expertise. These experts will 1) provide guidance on the RFP for research proposals and implementation, and 2) monitor and advise on the progress of the Health Study and interpretation of findings.



The Health Study will assess the potential health impacts of the Aliso Canyon gas blowout disaster on the surrounding community. The Health Study and its funding were not designated for individual treatment or diagnosis.

