



**STATEMENT: COUNCILMEMBER ENGLANDER ON THE RESUMING OF OPERATIONS AT ALISO CANYON NATURAL GAS STORAGE FACILITY**

"While I am disappointed in the State's decision to resume operations at the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage facility, I am encouraged that the CA Energy Commission will proceed with a plan to permanently close the facility within ten years.

The gas leak of 2015-16 was the largest in our nation's history and showed the danger of operating such facilities near residential areas. And while State regulatory agencies have taken steps to improve safety at the facility, the only way to ensure that history does not repeat itself is through permanent closure of the facility.

The permitting of operations and oversight at Aliso Canyon is outside of my office's jurisdiction. Nevertheless, I will continue to work with the relevant County, State, and Federal agencies to expedite the day when the Aliso Canyon facility can be brought offline."

-Councilmember Mitchell Englander

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