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## California Department of Conservation Issues Statement In Response to Today's Aliso Canyon Gas Leak Update

SACRAMENTO -- California Department of Conservation Chief Deputy Director Jason Marshall today issued the following statement in response to an announcement this afternoon from Southern California Gas Company that it has “temporarily controlled the flow of leaking gas at the well” by “pumping heavy fluids” into the well.

“This is an important step toward stopping the gas leak, however additional steps must be taken before the well is officially confirmed to be sealed. After Southern California Gas Company injects cement into the leaking well to form a permanent seal and that cement seal has dried, several tests mandated by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources will be conducted to confirm the leaking well has been sealed. We will issue a public notice that the well is officially sealed only after this state verification and testing is complete.”

The Division of Oil Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) will remain on site with key experts throughout this process to ensure all necessary tests are accomplished and the results are carefully analyzed as soon as possible. For more information on how state inspectors will independently verify the leak has been sealed, click [here](#). No further statements will be made by DOGGR until the final test results are ready to be announced.

The State remains committed to providing frequent public updates on regulatory activities related to Aliso Canyon. For more information, click [here](#).

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