

UPDATE ON INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

Ventura Compressor Station

PROJECT NEWSLETTER

For our Ventura Neighbors

FIRST RESPONDERS WORKSHOP

Safety is at the heart of everything we do at SoCalGas. Throughout the areas we serve, we routinely host safety awareness workshops with our First Responder public



safety partners. We recently hosted an informational session at the Ventura Compressor Station with representatives from various agencies, including Ventura City Fire, Ventura County Fire, Ventura Police, Ventura Sheriff, Ventura Unified School District, Oxnard Fire, and Fillmore Fire. During the workshop, our gas safety experts and emergency services team provided attendees with gas safety awareness education through a series of Q&As and live demonstrations. This included instructions on how to operate a natural gas meter, the type of leak detection equipment SoCalGas personnel use in the field, a full tour of the compressor station, and a simulation of pipeline damage due to excavation that provided first responders with visuals and information on situations they might face during an incident. Working closely with first responders on how to interact and communicate with each other during emergency situations is critical for the entire community. This was underscored by the positive feedback from both first responders and local officials. A special thank you to all the agencies that joined us for this event.

SOIL REMEDIATION UPDATE

SoCalGas continues its work to remediate the soil at the Ventura Compressor Station. The current soil remediation work, while located at the compressor station, is a separate project from the proposed [Ventura Compressor Modernization Project](#). The first phase of the work, which took place during the month of May 2023, entailed the demolition of old office and warehouse buildings and construction of a new temporary access ramp. The second phase, scheduled to commence on June 19, 2023, involves the removal of contaminated soil associated with historical industrial uses on the site prior to SoCalGas ownership. This phase of the project is expected to be completed by July 31, 2023.

The excavated soil will be removed and transported off site for treatment/disposal and the excavations will be backfilled with clean soil imported from a quarry. This work will be completed in cooperation with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) in accordance with an approved DTSC Removal Action Work plan. Truck traffic associated with the soil remediation work will be routed through commercial properties up to Stanley Avenue so travel on public streets will be limited to a few hundred feet before entering Highway 33.

The second phase of work is expected to be performed Monday to Friday and occasionally on Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. from June 19, 2023, to July 31, 2023. All work is being performed by certified contractors and inspectors in accordance with applicable regulations. The dates were selected in coordination with the Ventura Unified School District so that the soil excavation work would not begin until after E.P Foster Elementary students are released for the summer break on June 15, and would be complete before they return to school in August. As the soil remediation work progresses, we will continue to provide the community with the latest information.

GAS ASSISTANCE FUNDS STILL AVAILABLE

Approximately \$3 million dollars of the \$6 million SoCalGas committed is still available in the company's [Gas Assistance Fund](#) to support eligible customers in paying their natural gas bills. The Gas Assistance Fund helps income-qualified customers pay their natural gas bill with a one-time grant of up to \$500. The Gas Assistance Fund is a joint effort between SoCalGas and United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

Working with non-profit organizations throughout SoCalGas's service territory,

United Way of Greater Los Angeles helps income-qualified customers pay their natural gas bill with a one-time grant of up to \$400 per household, up from \$100 last year. If the eligible applicant or a household member is age 55 or older, an additional \$100 is available - for a maximum grant of up to \$500. Since the fund's expansion, the average grant per household has been approximately \$300. [Ventura-area charities](#), Catholic Charities of Ventura and Salvation Army of Ventura, are SoCalGas's local partners assisting customers with applying for grants. If you need additional financial assistance, we offer a wide range of [programs and services](#) that may help you save money on your natural gas bills.



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