

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS PLAYA DEL REY NATURAL GAS STORAGE FACILITY

1. Is the facility safe?

We have an extensive monitoring program at the facility, including periodic natural gas emission surveys of all active and abandoned wells, pipelines, and other facilities. We also have a rigorous maintenance program to ensure we maintain the integrity and safety of the facility. We carefully measure the amount of natural gas injected and withdrawn, and make sure that the amount withdrawn balances with the amount injected.

2. Can a natural gas leak like the one that happened at Aliso Canyon happen at PDR?

All storage wells at PDR are undergoing the same comprehensive battery of tests currently being conducted at Aliso Canyon. The state's energy experts have called these tests "the most comprehensive tests in the country." Additionally, we have also introduced a suite of advanced leak detection technologies and practices, including a remote pressure monitoring system and daily patrols that allow for early detection of leaks and help quickly identify anomalies, such as changes in well pressure.

3. What is the equipment that I see?

All storage wells at the facility are undergoing the same comprehensive battery of tests conducted at Aliso Canyon, and drilling rigs (like the one pictured to the right) are used to conduct those inspections as well as other maintenance work on the wells.



4. Why does the facility need to be in our neighborhood?

PDR plays a key role in meeting the region's energy needs. With its central location, PDR is essential to providing families and businesses in Southern California with safe and reliable natural gas, especially during periods of peak natural gas usage. About 90 percent of homes use natural gas for space heating and hot water, and about 60 percent of the electricity generated in California is generated using natural gas, so it's important that we store natural gas locally to protect families and consumers from energy shortages and sudden spikes in the price of natural gas.

5. What is behind those curtains?

Temporary sound walls (pictured to the right), made with noise-absorbing material, have been installed to lessen the disturbance to the adjoining neighborhood. Additionally, blankets of the same material are wrapped around facility equipment to mitigate any noise. We follow industry standards to mitigate noise in consideration of our neighbors. Given the unique topography, we modify soundproofing as needed.



Temporary sound walls, like the ones at PDR, are commonly used in the natural gas industry to effectively block noise from propagating into the surrounding environment.

6. Who can I contact if I have further questions?

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