



Community Newsletter

For our Playa del Rey Neighbors



A word from Julio Robles

Playa del Rey Storage Facility Manager

Dear Playa del Rey neighbors,

Last year SoCalGas embarked on [ASPIRE 2045](#), which clarifies our goal to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions in our operations and delivery of energy by 2045. It continues to be a busy time for our company—in February of this year, we announced [Angeles Link](#), a proposal to build America's largest green hydrogen energy infrastructure project. The announcement has been met with tremendous support, including from the [Los Angeles City Council and Governor Newsom](#).

Given its location in the LA Basin, our Playa del Rey (PDR) Storage facility continues to be vital to the neighborhoods it serves. In the hotter summer months, PDR supports gas grid with the natural gas power plants that provides electricity when it is needed. This source of power is especially important when the sun goes down in the evening, or there is a lack of wind. Additionally, we are proud to support the utility plants in keeping gas supplies robust when their systems are near capacity. On this note, you may hear more activities at the facility in the evenings when people return home from work and run their air conditioners on high.

SoCalGas has received its first delivery of 50 hydrogen-powered Toyota™ [Mirais purchased](#) to further our ASPIRE 2045 goals. Look out for the Mirais with our SoCalGas logo filling up at 83rd and Lincoln at the hydrogen filling station.

On behalf of everyone at PDR, I hope you enjoyed your summer and we look forward to continuing to provide energy service to this community while prioritizing safety and reliability, and working to advance increasingly sustainable operations.

You can read more about the Playa del Rey storage facility at socalgas.com/playadelrey.

— Julio Robles,
Playa del Rey Storage Facility Manager

Facilities Update: Workover Rigs and Abandonment Activities

You may currently see workover rigs at the PDR facility. The storage wells are currently in their third round (out of six) of testing through our Storage Integrity Management Program (SIMP). These tests help us to calibrate our well casings and tubulars to within the CalGEM well integrity parameters. When CalGEM has concerns with test results, the well has an innerstring (additional barrier) installed or are decommissioned altogether. We recently completed the decommission of two wells.



Fire Safety at the PDR Facility and in the Local Community

At the PDR facility

Fire safety is always of utmost importance to SoCalGas. Earlier this year we met with the local Los Angeles City Fire Dept Battalion Chief Matthews and his captains to discuss a project to replace our fire foam system within our tank farm, that creates a fire suppressant within the oil tanks. In order to meet new federal environmental standards, the existing fire foam needed to be disposed and the vessel replaced. We disposed of the foam and the tank that was exposed to the foam. We are looking to take this opportunity to upgrade the system too.

We also used this meeting as an opportunity to discuss how the LA Fire Department would position its trucks if needed at the PDR facility in the event of an emergency, such as a fire. Soon, we will be conducting our weed abatement on previously disturbed areas on the hillside within our property to mitigate fire risk.

In the community

SoCalGas works closely with local fire departments to quickly respond to emergent situations in the community. Local fire departments have a dedicated secure phone number to contact us at any time they suspect there may be an issue that may affect any of our utility infrastructure. Depending on the nature of the request, SoCalGas can quickly dispatch local crews to assess our facilities and work to support the applicable fire department to resolve the incident.

In the case of larger incidents like wildfires, we can isolate an area from the rest of our natural gas system by redirecting the gas to help create safer working conditions for first responders.

Additionally, since our employees are routinely performing various pipeline maintenance and safety tasks outside in the community, in the event an employee witnesses a fire, they can help by reporting the fire to first responders.

Kid's Corner

It's never too soon to teach kids about natural gas. Download these fun activity sheets to learn more about gas safety.

Download free activity worksheets.

Visit socalgas.com/SchoolSafety

SoCalGas Supports California's Clean Energy Goals

SoCalGas is proud to report in June 2022, that we submitted our annual fugitive emissions report for the year 2021 to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) that shows that SoCalGas [exceeded the state's 2025 goal for reducing fugitive methane emissions](#). We reported that in 2021 we reduced fugitive methane emissions by 37%* – passing the state's goal of a 20% reduction by 2025 and nearing the state's goal of a 40% reduction by 2030.

Our success comes from innovation in new detection technologies. SoCalGas was the first utility in the nation to implement [aerial methane mapping](#) using helicopter-mounted LiDAR technology to detect leaks. The company also has begun using drones – including testing the first-of-its-kind hydrogen-powered drone technology – to map and detect methane.

As California advances toward decarbonization, SoCalGas is:

- Aiming to convert 50% of its over-the-road fleet with clean fuel vehicles by 2025 and operating a [100% zero-emission fleet by 2035](#).
- Putting forth a proposal for the nation's largest green hydrogen energy infrastructure system, [Angeles Link](#), which would support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from hard-to-electrify sectors of the Southern California economy.
- Continuing to explore hydrogen technologies, having invested in more than 10 pilot projects related to hydrogen innovation. This includes our [\[H2\] Hydrogen Home](#), [H2 SilverSTARS](#), and [H2 PureComp](#).

Projects like these expand and accelerate our cleaner fuels initiatives, which could help to decarbonize California.

For more information about SoCalGas' sustainability efforts, please visit socalgas.com/sustainability.

To read the full ASPIRE 2045 report, please visit socalgas.com/ASPIRE2045

*Percentage calculations are based upon a 2015 emissions baseline. Utilities' progress toward state goals are tracked and reported via CPUC mandated annual reports.

Questions?

For more information about the Playa del Rey Storage Facility, visit socalgas.com/PlayaDelRey.

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