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## A Natural Gas Case Study: Aliso Canyon

(Time: 30 minutes)

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The presentation on the Aliso Canyon gas leak will include a discussion of relevant California Public Utilities Code, including Sections 315 (accident investigations), 451 (requirement to operate facilities safely) and Sections 2100, et seq. (the enforcement and penalty provisions of the code).

Discussion will include California Commission General Order provisions governing gas storage field operations, and a diagram of how a gas storage field operates.

The discussion also will cover the applicable regulatory requirements of the California Division of Oil, Gas & Geothermal Resources which has day-to-day oversight over the operation of gas storage fields.

The presentation would present statistics about the amount of gas released into the atmosphere from the leak, the effect of the leak on the adjacent community, the status of tort litigation that has arisen from the leak, the public demand for closure of the facility, and a brief review of the general theory of negligence as it pertains to the operation of a gas storage facilities.

Additional Aliso Canyon Information: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/aliso/>