

Dear Northridge West Neighborhood Council Boardmembers,

On behalf of the LACoDPH Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Study Community Advisory Group (CAG), we would like to thank you for taking the time to hear the motion listed below, in your June meeting. We, the CAG, believe the support of the Neighborhood Councils of the north SFV is critical in assisting us in our mission to ensure a comprehensive, science-driven health study is conducted. Therefore, we respectfully request you approve the motion.

Motion as presented on your agenda:

“Motion to request from the Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles that they use any and all methods at their disposal to obtain from So Cal Gas the full list of chemicals, emitted from the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility during the SS-25 blowout, well kill attempts, ongoing operation and from subsequent leaks. NWNC requests that the list be made available and accessible to community and stake holders. NWNC believes this information is critical and needs to be provided to all parties of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Aliso Canyon Health Study to ensure a thorough, accurate and science-based health study is conducted and so that our stakeholders have every chance to learn what health issues they may be faced with surrounding this historic disaster. “

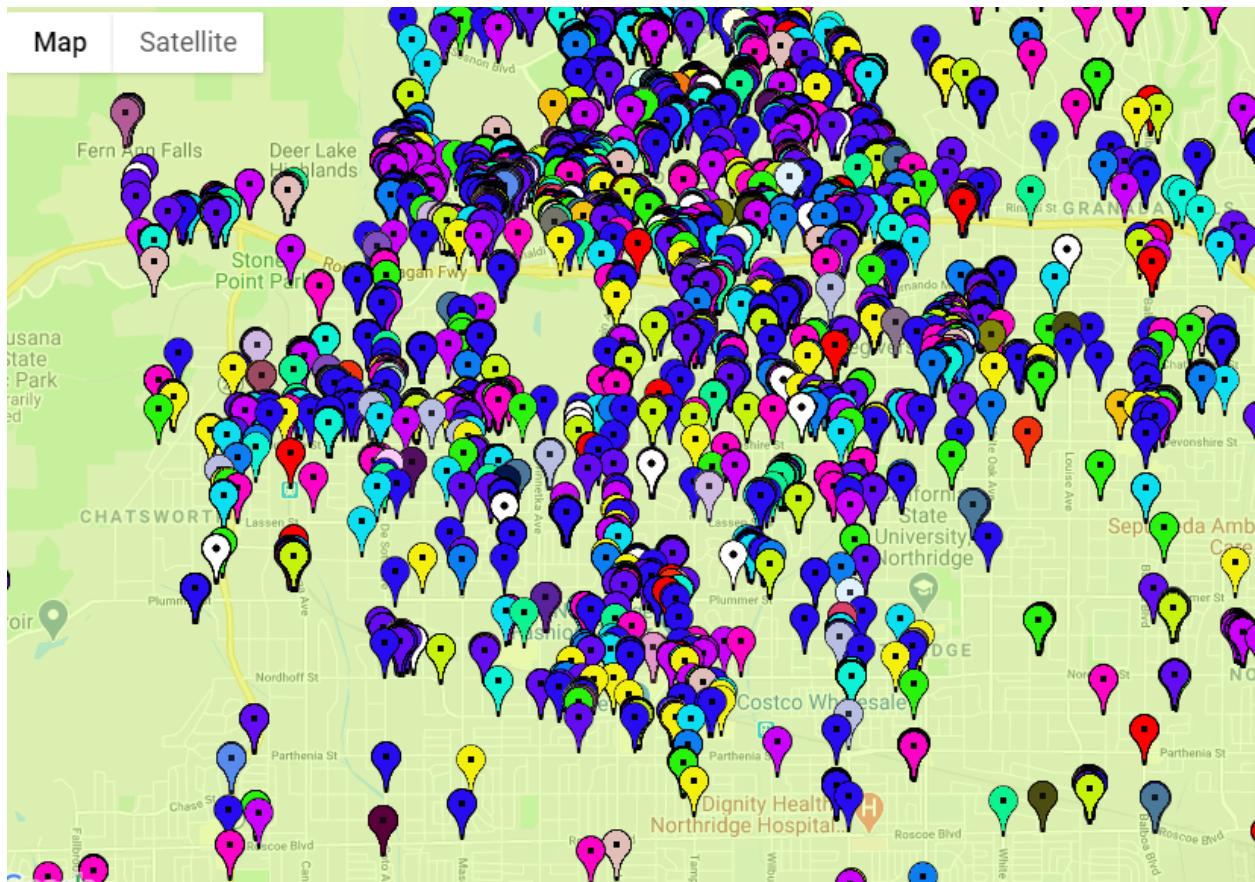
Background:

To date Southern California Gas has absolutely not produced a list of the chemicals the Northridge community was exposed to, including the constituents of the blowout (unscrubbed) gas, the oily droplets that were aerosolized and inhaled, the fracking fluids used in the facility and the fluids used in the 7 failed well kill attempts, where the material was aerosolized and spread over the community. In order for the Scientific Oversight Committee, who will determine the scope of the \$25M Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Study (administered by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health), to properly identify areas to study, the full list of chemicals is absolutely necessary.

Furthermore, there is evidence that these chemicals can cause immunity suppression in residents surrounding the facility. Many of the 1.5 million residents of the North SFV in the affected area are now at risk for COVID-19 complications due to this suppression as well as other respiratory ailments and especially cancers.

Other north valley Neighborhood Councils who represent communities closest to the facility are supporting this position and are expected to pass similar motions in the coming weeks (from the date of this submission). This includes Granada Hills South (passed unanimously 6/4/20), Granada Hills North, Northridge East, Porter Ranch and Chatsworth. Your support of this motion benefits not only Northridge stakeholders but everyone affected.

The map below shows data collected by Environmental Data Technologies, LLC's Environmental Health Tracker, showing symptoms reported from Northridge West stakeholders as well as neighboring communities. Each "pin" does not simply represent one person and one symptom, rather one location. Often each pin represents many people living in the same home and many symptoms those people have experienced. What this shows clearly is that stakeholders were/are ill and the requested information could be of great benefit to them and their doctors.



Lastly, the CAG asked Dr. Jeffrey Nordella M.D., member of the Scientific Oversight Committee, for his opinion on the need of the chemical list. Here is his response:

*CAG Members*

*As requested, I have been ask by the Community Advisory Committee to give a my medical opinion as a Scientific Oversight Committee member in regard to the upcoming Health study.*

*Not having the chemical compositions that the community was exposed to creates a great deficiency in the efficacy of a robust health study. I would hope that all avenues be explored in order that we obtain this information prior to moving forward.*

*You have any further questions please feel free to contact me.*

*Sincerely,*

*J. Nordella M.D.*

Respectfully,

Andrew Krowne – Northridge West NC representative

Lori Aivazian – Porter Ranch stakeholder  
Melissa Messer – Granada Hills stakeholder  
Patty Glueck – Northridge stakeholder  
Craig Galanti – Porter Ranch NC representative  
Mihran Kalaydjian – Porter Ranch NC representative  
Brian Allen – Granada Hills North representative  
Mike Benedetto – Granada Hills South representative  
Chad Cheung – Porter Ranch stakeholder  
Mary Blair – Granada Hills stakeholder  
Jeff Hammond – Chatsworth NC representative  
Mike Kaiser – Granada Hills South representative  
Dr. Bruce Hector – Community Physician