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**DRAFT PENDING BOARD APPROVAL**

Mr. Leeor Alpern  
Senior Public Information Specialist  
South Coast Air Quality Management District  
21865 Copley Drive  
Diamond Bar, California 91765

Dear Mr. Alpern:

The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council (PRNC) understands that the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) reached a settlement with the Southern California Gas Company to provide \$1 Million to go towards an independent health study into the effects of the well rupture at the Aliso Canyon Gas Storage Facility on the health of the community. However, the settlement agreement provided no information on how this process will proceed.

As you know, the PRNC has long been advocating for a comprehensive health study to address the community's concerns about their health after being exposed to the gas and chemicals released from the Facility for four months. With this letter, the PRNC is requesting the following:

1. Please provide us with a clear plan for the implementation of the health study. At a minimum, we expect this plan to include the following:
  - a. A specific scope of the study
  - b. The name and qualifications of the independent entity that will conduct the study.
  - c. Schedule for the start and completion of the study.
  - d. The type of information and data that will be collected and how they will be collected.
  - e. Description of the framework by which the information and data will be analyzed.
2. We ask that the AQMD hold a public hearing in advance of the implementation of the study to receive comments from the public on the planned scope.
3. We ask that the AQMD maintain a transparent process throughout the study by providing monthly written progress updates to the public.

4. Finally, we ask that the AQMD convene a Project Technical Review Committee (TRC) that includes technical experts drawn from local and state government agencies, as well as local academic experts. We also ask that the TRC include a community liaison to be identified by the PRNC in consultation with the community.

In addition, the PRNC recognizes that the final scope is vastly different from the scope of work constructed by the Expert Panel convened by the AQMD during its negotiations with the Gas Company. The PRNC respectfully asks for a copy of the study document proposed to AQMD by the Expert Panel as we explore options for supplementing your study with a more comprehensive study of our own.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to receiving your response. In the meantime, if you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me at [IssamNajm@PRNC.org](mailto:IssamNajm@PRNC.org).

Respectfully,  
Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council

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