

Porter Ranch Community Advisory Committee

Phone Meeting #1

4:30pm-5pm

Thursday, March 14, 2016

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Paula Cracium, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.

Members Present:

Paula Cracium

Jarrold Degonia (Represented by colleagues at Supervisor Antonovich's Office)

Vivian Ekchian

Issam Najm

Matt Pakucko

Jane Stanton

Guest Speakers:

Susan Trigueros, SoCalGas

Sam Williams, Geosyntec

Paula explained that testing was a priority, and people want to know that their homes are safe. She had been contacted by SoCalGas last week about indoor air testing that will be done this week.

Susan explained that Public Health was still seeking council from EPA, so they decided to proceed with their testing. They anticipate they may get comments, but they wanted to move forward.

Sam then explained the testing protocol. They have four proofs. There are 90 homes to be tested and there has been some attrition with those homes. Some people are declining to have their homes tested and some people are not at home. Their goal is to test 50-75 homes. The testing consists of using a field instrument, an F.I.B., that gives a real time methane reading in the home. With the homeowners permission, they are taking a reading in each room.

They also screened the garage and checked around the water heater to look at any gas connections with appliances. While that is happening, a third person is collecting an air

sample in a Kevlar bag. Because the holding times for mercaptans is 48 hours, they expect to hear back shortly.

They are not seeing any anomalous readings so far. Even at the request of one homeowner, who turned on his stove without burning to see how the meter worked.

They hope to be completed tomorrow or early Wednesday morning. They have a regularly scheduled call with AQMD, and other agencies where we will be communicating our results.

Paula: How will we get the results from those Tuesday/Thursday calls?

Sam: When the results are ready, we can share those with you.

Susan: The results need to be aggregated since these are individual homes.

Paula: Did you test any homes that have been closed up?

Sam: We have done one apartment that was closed up. The other homes have been occupied.

Paula: County Health has a list of homes where people have been outside of their homes so the air has been closed up. That could possibly be a resource for you to go to.

Paula: How long is the grab sample?

Sam: It is 5-10 minutes.

Paula: Did you test any attic areas?

Sam: We did test some closed areas, but we have not been into attics.

Matt: Have any of the occupants told you they smell anything? Wouldn't the levels be zero if they aren't smelling anything?

Sam: No. We are testing for other things besides mercaptans. Sulfur dioxide, etc.

Matt: Residents say that when call to be a part of the testing they are asked if they are part of a lawsuit against SCG.

Susan: It is correct. If they are part of the lawsuit then they need the attorneys to be there as well.

Matt: Why would that need to be?

Susan: We are trying to do it as quickly as possible. If they are party of the lawsuit, then we need to have both lawyers there.

Matt: If it is just for public information, why is it a problem?

Susan: Attorneys have to be present because of the lawsuit.

Matt: Why no surface testing and just air testing?

Susan: We are doing surface testing on the outside if there are brown spots.

Matt: Why not inside?

Susan: At this point, all the protocol asks for is for air testing.

No one else had any questions at this time.

Adjourned at 5pm.