



DOW RGC 10 WELL INCIDENT UPDATE

Date: 1/23/19 Time: 8:00 A.M.



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INCIDENT FACTS		
Incident Start Date: January 11th, 2019	Incident Start Time: 4:05 p.m.	
Incident Type: Gas Release	Cause: Vintage Well	
Incident Location: 4360 Via Marina, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292		
Unified Command Agencies: Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, California Department of Conservation – Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR)		
Fatalities: 0	Injuries: 0	Missing: 0
Single Family Residences Destroyed: 0	Single Family Residences Damaged: 0	Single Family Residences Threatened: 0
Commercial Properties Destroyed: 0	Commercial Properties Damaged: 0	Commercial Properties Threatened: 0
SITUATION		
Current Situation:	<p>California Department of Conservation – Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) was notified at about 4 p.m. on January 11, 2019 that during a routine plugging operation, a 1930s-era well was spraying into the air material believed to include natural gas (mainly methane), heavy abandonment mud, and water.</p> <p>The well currently is emitting no gas and there is no emergency impacting public safety.</p> <p>A land developer, MDR Hotels LLC, leased the property from Los Angeles County on the Marina del Rey waterfront to build a hotel. MDR Hotels LLC is constructing a six-story Residence Inn and five-story Courtyard Marriot (288 rooms with waterfront restaurant and amenities) on the site. As part of the work, MDR Hotels must “re-abandon” the well on the property to current standards. The well was originally abandoned and plugged in the 1950s.</p> <p>To address immediate health and safety concerns, DOGGR issued an emergency order immediately put into place a number of precautions to protect health, safety, and property and required that certain testing protocols and 24-7 monitoring begin immediately. The order also requires that the operator prepare a report detailing what caused the emission.</p> <p>When the incident was first reported, the information Los Angeles County Public Health received was that the leak was quickly contained and first responders reported from the scene that there was no continuing methane release. On January 18, when DOGGR notified local authorities that they would be issuing an order to the operator, Public Health asked DOGGR to require the development of a community health, safety and notification plan, and requested that monitoring data be submitted for DPH review as it is generated. In the interim, first responders onsite have reported to DPH that there are no measurable levels in the air.</p> <p>Officials from DOGGR and Los Angeles County Fire Department – Health Hazardous</p>	



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	<p>Materials Division are on site monitoring operations. No measurable readings for natural gas have been recorded in the air. In the unlikely event gas odors are detected in this vicinity, members of the public should dial 9-1-1. For information regarding health referrals and other resources, please dial 2-1-1.</p> <p>Members of the public should avoid the site so as not to impede monitoring and construction activities in the area. Partial closures are on Via Marina between Marquesas Way and Tahiti Way, proceed with caution. A contingency plan has been developed by incident commanders from DOGGR, LA County Fire, and LA County Public Health in the unlikely event another gas emission occurs.</p>		
Evacuation Orders:	None		
Evacuation Centers:	None		
Animal Shelters:	None		
Road Closures:	Lane and walkway detours on Via Marina between Marquesas Way and Tahiti Way		
Cooperating Agencies:	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles City Fire Department, Los Angeles County Public Works, Los Angeles County OEM, Cal OES, and Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors		
RESOURCES			
Engines: 0	Heavy Equipment: 1	Health Haz-Mat: 1	Total Personnel: 7