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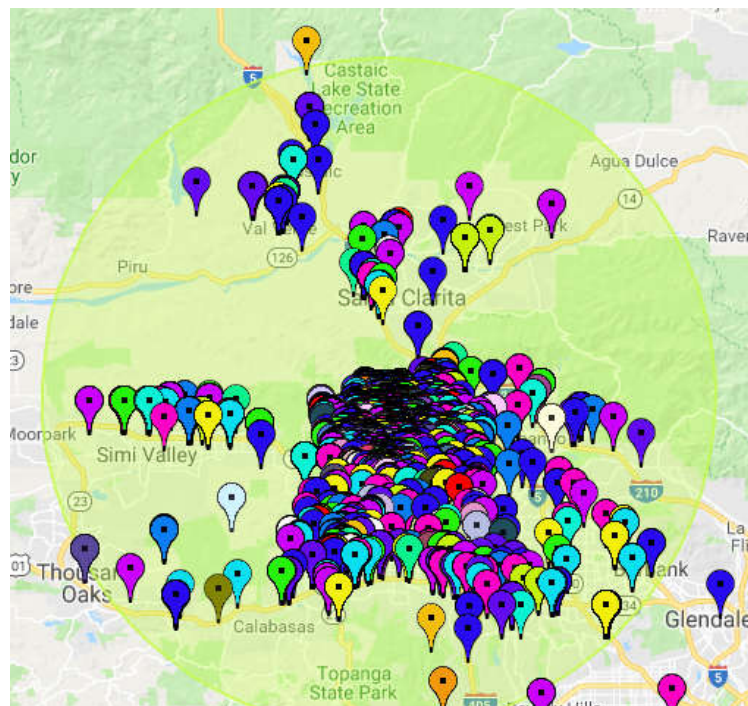
Mr. Richard Corey
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street Sacramento CA, 95814



Dear California Air Resources Board:

I don't think it's appropriate to use the Aliso Canyon blowout as an opportunity to steer tens of millions of dollars toward cleaning up the California dairy industry's sprawling lagoons of dairy cow manure. I urge you to come up with a new plan that reduces California's dependence on methane gas, not prop up our addiction to a new form of it.

SoCalGas must be penalized for the impacts of releasing 109,000 tons of heat-trapping methane into the atmosphere, as well as carbon dioxide, the volatile organic compounds (including BTEX) and the heavy metals. After all, this wasn't an accident, rather a result of their negligence (based on CPUC documents from 2014 whereby SoCalGas request permission from the CPUC to passthrough maintenance costs to ratepayers and was denied in that request). Why now would CARB bail out SoCalGas by putting \$34.1M back into their own programs while thousands of people still suffer every day, not in central California but in Los Angeles? It is these communities that were poisoned for four months. It is these communities that are sick today. Look at the map of symptoms reported in just the last 11 months alone! All told almost fifty thousand!



These are the images we see every day in the San Fernando Valley, not just as a result of the blow-out of 2015-2016 but of the ongoing releases that occur daily at the facility, even in its "idle" state.



Residents of every walk of life, every economic state, who breath the same highly polluted air and all of whom are at risk not just to the very visual symptoms you see above, but to the invisible ones. Headaches, dizziness, heart palpitations, cancers, blood disorders, lupus, abdominal pain, gastrointestinal problems, sweats, and dozens more. Children, adults, seniors, pets...there is no escape.

There are two sides to this life and death fight. One side is fighting for their health and their wellbeing, with no direct financial benefit, the other is only speaking up because they are paid to do so. We've looked over the public record and see the organizations that are supporting the mitigation measures. All of these organization are paid to speak. That should speak volumes to you! VICA (Valley Industry Commerce Association) was paid more than \$26,000, the City of Hanford will receive funding, CCA received \$8,000-\$16,000, OCBC received \$5,000+, CVCC received \$1,600+, CSET will receive funding.

If dairy digestors are so important to SoCalGas, then they can pay for them 100%. SoCalGas and its parent company Sempra Energy do not need nor do they deserve one penny of money from this settlement.

The California Air Resources Board must redirect settlement dollars to Los Angeles residents - particularly those who were directly exposed to the toxic cloud for four months - for low-cost energy services, powered by truly renewable energy sources that reduce our dependence on methane gas. These funds must move California away from dirty fossil fuels and into true renewables, such as battery storage, solar, wind and wave technologies.

Concurrently I urge the California Air Resources Board to be in contact with UC Davis researchers who are studying seaweed as a very feasible way of reducing methane emissions from cows. A recent study shows a very significant reduction, about 30% fed seaweed ([link](#)). This is the kind of scientific advancement California needs. Not another rich getting rich bailout!

I urge you in the strongest terms, **do not** divert settlement monies away from the affected communities.

Sincerely,

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