

Update and Draft Request for
Proposal (RFP)
“Research Study to Investigate
Health Impacts of the Well Rupture
at Aliso Canyon”

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Presentation at Northridge East Neighborhood Council meeting

Outline

- Summary of input received from Health Study Technical Advisory Group
- Draft Request for Proposals (RFP)
- Timeline and Next Steps

Health Study Technical Advisory Group (HSTAG)

The Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council selected the following community members to serve on the HSTAG:

- Dr. Jeffrey Nordella
- Dr. Issam Najm
- Alternate member: Susan Gorman-Chang

- **Purpose of the HSTAG:**
 - To provide input to SCAQMD staff regarding an appropriate scope of the \$1M health study, prioritize study elements, ensure scientific validity of approach, conduct technical review of study progress and findings, address community questions and provide updates to community and feedback to researchers.
 - Input from the HSTAG will be used to write the Request for Proposal (RFP) or sole-source contracts, as applicable

HSTAG Members

Name	Title	Agency/ University/ Community
John Budroe	Chief, Air Toxicology and Risk Assessment Section	OEHHA
Katie Butler	Senior Staff Analyst, Toxics Epidemiology	LAC-DPH
Ken Davidson	Senior Policy Analyst/Physical Scientist, Office of Transportation and Air Quality/Region 9 Air Division	US EPA
Paul English	Senior Branch Science Advisor, Environmental Health Investigations Branch	CDPH
Julie Henderson	Deputy Secretary for Health and Public Policy	CalEPA
Michael Kleinman	Professor, Division of Occupational and Environmental Health, Department of Medicine	UCI
Issam Najm	President, Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council	Community Representative
Jeffrey Nordella	Community Person	Community Representative
Cyrus Rangan	Director, Bureau of Toxicology and Environmental Assessment	LAC-DPH
Jon Samet	Dean (Colorado School of Public Health) and Professor (Department of Epidemiology)	Colorado School of Public Health
Linda Smith	Chief, Health & Exposure Assessment Branch	CARB
Susan Gorman-Chang	Vice President, Porter Ranch Neighborhood Council	Alternate Community Representative

HSTAG Input

- April 17, 2018 HSTAG meeting
 - Discussed scope and priorities of \$1M study
 - Discussed how to integrate public input
- August 7, 2018
 - Draft RFP sent to HSTAG for input
- August 8, 2018
 - City, County and State reached settlement with SoCalGas providing \$25 million toward health study
- September 10, 2018
 - HSTAG members polled on revising scope of \$1M health study given the \$25M allocated from the other settlement
 - Majority of HSTAG members supported revised scope

Draft RFP for \$1M Study

- Revised Scope: Data Integration and Exposure Modeling
 - May include additional environmental sampling to inform a more robust model
- Lays the CRITICAL and NECESSARY foundation for any health studies of the impacts of this incident
- Timing of this work complements the \$25M health study timing

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Input from HSTAG, Public	How this is being addressed
Screen for potential conflicts of interest	Conflict of Interest form required and part of proposal consideration (Attachment A, and Sections 8 and 10)
Use the full \$1M completely	Proposal scoring points weighted to emphasize Technical elements rather than cost (Section 10)
Sufficient community involvement/engagement in study	Requires Outreach Plan (Section 8), and proposal scoring points includes points for ensuring community engagement (Section 10)

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Input from HSTAG, Public	How this is being addressed
Allow data from this study to inform potential future studies	Requires final exposure model and data to be publicly shared (Section 5)
Allow investigators from far-away places to apply	Allows for a wide range of investigators (Section 7)
Specific suggestions for clinical testing	No need to be prescriptive about the type of testing in this RFP, but rather, Section 5 allows for a range of possibilities
Areas of health concern, use of comparison group	These would pertain to the \$25M study by DPH

Timeline and Next Steps

Date	Event
November 2, 2018	RFP Considered by SCAQMD Governing Board
If SCAQMD Governing Board approves, then next steps:	
Jan 31, 2019 (no later than 5:00pm PST)	Proposals Due
February-March 2019	Proposal Evaluations
April 2019	Committee Consideration
May 2019	Governing Board Consideration
June 2019	Earliest Anticipated Contract Execution

For More Information

- Webpage: <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/community-investigations/aliso-canyon-update> (look for link on left navigation bar titled “Health Study”)
- Draft RFP can be found here:
<http://www.aqmd.gov/home/news-events/meeting-agendas-minutes/agenda?title=administrative-committee---october-12-2018>
- Email feedback to healthstudy@aqmd.gov by Sunday, October 21, 11:59PM.