PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Mr. Rodger Schwecke
Senior Vice President and Chief Infrastructure Officer
Southern California Gas Company
555 West 5th Street, GT21C3
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Dear Mr. Schwecke:

The Safety and Enforcement Division (SED) of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) conducted a General Order (G.O.) 112-F Comprehensive Operations and Maintenance Inspection of Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas)'s Goleta Storage Facility from April 18 through 22, 2022. The inspection included a review of the operation and maintenance records, procedures, and Operator Qualification records pursuant to G.O. 112-F, Reference Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR), Parts 191 and 192 for the period of January 2018 through December 2021. In addition, SED conducted field inspections of pipeline facilities that included field observation of randomly selected individuals performing covered tasks at Goleta Storage Facility in the city of Goleta in Santa Barbara County.

SED staff used the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) Inspection Assistance (IA) as a reference guide to conduct this inspection.

SED staff noted one area of concern. The concern is noted in the attached "Post-Inspection Written Preliminary Findings".

Please provide a written response within 30 days of your receipt of this letter indicating the measures taken by SoCalGas to address the concern noted in the "Post-Inspection Written Preliminary Findings".

Thank you for your cooperation in this inspection. If you have any questions, please contact Wilson Lule, Utilities Engineer, at (213) 392-4965 or by email at wkl@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Post-Inspection Written Preliminary Findings

Date of Transmittal: 04/26/2022

Dates of Inspection: 4/18-22/2022

Operator: SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS CO

Operator ID: 18484 (primary)

Inspection Systems: Gas Transmission

Assets (Unit IDs) with results in this report: Goleta - Storage Facility (87077)

System Type: GT

Inspection Name: Goleta Gas Storage Audit

Lead Inspector: Wilson Lule

Operator Representative: Austin Walker & Edwin Baires

Unsatisfactory Results

No Preliminary Findings.

Concerns

Time-Dependent Threats: External Corrosion - Cathodic Protection (TD.CP)

Question Title, ID	Isolation from Other Metallic Structures, TD.CP.ELECISOLATE. O
Question	14. Are measures performed to ensure electrical isolation of each buried or submerged pipeline from other metallic structures unless they electrically interconnect and cathodically protect the pipeline and the other structures as a single unit?
References	192.467(a) (192.467(b), 192.467(c), 192.467(d), 192.467(e))
Assets Covered	87077
Issue Summary	On work order #7399927, Line 5026-AN at More 1 Well location, SoCalGas recorded a pipe to soil reading of -1 mV. During SED's field visit to this location, SoCalGas recorded a pipe-to-soil (PS) reading of -719mV. SoCalGas indicated that this location was abandoned. However, CP readings (-719mV) at the location indicated that the pipe may still be electrically connected to the system. SoCalGas should take appropriate steps to demonstrate that the abandoned line is electrically isolated from the Cathodic Protection System or provide documentation to show that -719mV is the native pipe to soil read of Line 5026-AN.