

Butcher, et al v Southern California Gas Company, et al Class Action Lawsuit - Filed 12/23/15

Update 1/27/16 - QUESTION AS TO WHEN LEAK ACTUALLY BEGAN

As you undoubtedly know, SoCalGas states that the leak was first discovered on October 23, 2015.

How do you think that happened? Do you think that was the first time someone smelled gas at that well (WELL #25, by the way).

Or is it possible that the smell of gas was so prevalent that no one did anything about it until someone asked, "Say, that gas smells pretty strong." Or, "Boy, you can smell that gas from a mile away." Or something like that.

And then maybe they tested the gas and thought, "We've got to make an announcement."

What we're asking is if you know ANYTHING about when the leak began - as in before the date of the announced discovery on October 23, 2015, please call us.

There are A LOT of wells up there. A year or so earlier, So Cal Gas asked for a rate increase to help it find out if any wells had problems. What if it knew there were problems already, and wanted the ratepayers to foot the bill for its 'discovering' what it already knew?

Help us out. Everyone there can use it.

Thanks very much.

Plaintiff's Allegations

The offices of Knapp, Petersen and Clarke have joined with us in filing a proposed class-action lawsuit against Southern California Gas Company, and Sempra Energy Corporation (Hereafter referred to as "SoCalGas" or "Defendant").

This case is brought on behalf of individuals who have suffered various problems due to the gas well leak which was disclosed in October, 2015, as affecting individuals who live or work in the Porter Ranch area of the San Fernando Valley in Northwest Los Angeles County.

The case was filed in the Los Angeles County Courthouse as Case No. BC 605190. A copy of the Complaint is attached to this webpage.

In this lawsuit, filed on behalf of the named plaintiffs and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs contend that Defendants' negligence has resulted in untold harm and damage to the community who have made Porter Ranch their home.

The court has not yet ruled on any of Plaintiffs' allegations or determined whether the case is appropriate for class action status.

If you own a home and/or reside in the greater Porter Ranch area, we would like to speak with you. Please contact us by either calling our office at 818-547-5200 or 626.795.0205, by emailing us at tom@falveylaw.com or by mailing us at 550 North Lake Ave., Suite 1500, Glendale, CA 91203.