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Dear Ms Naiman:

Thank you for your letter to President Obama, dated 12 December 2015 regarding the methane gas leak at the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility. It is a very difficult situation for all involved.

I work for the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). For the federal government to intervene directly in this matter, the State of California must make that request directly to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). USEPA does not have a role in that process. You can contact your Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Services to request that such a step (that is, a request for a federal intervention) be pursued. Requests for a federal disaster declaration generally come from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services to the FEMA Region 9 office. As I am sure you know, on 6 January 2016, Governor Brown issued a state of emergency in Porter Ranch and directed state agencies to take all necessary steps to control the leaking well.

Regards,

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