

ALISO CANYON DISASTER HEALTH RESEARCH STUDY COMMUNITY MEETING #3 SUMMARY

MEETING PURPOSE

The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) held the third Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study (Health Study or Study) community meeting to share preliminary birth records analysis results and provide an opportunity for the community to ask questions and offer feedback. The analysis was presented prior to submittal to a scientific journal for peer review and publication as is required by the terms of the contract that governs the conduct of the Study.

MEETING FORMAT AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was held on February 20, 2024, 6:00-7:30 pm, in person and online via Zoom. The in-person meeting was held at the DoubleTree Hotel, 9777 Topanga Canyon Boulevard in Chatsworth, California.

Approximately 45 community members attended the meeting (7 in person and 38 online). In person attendance may have been reduced due to heavy rain and dangerous storm conditions that night. Community members asked questions and gave feedback via oral discussion and in written format using the Zoom Q&A feature.

MEETING CONTENT AND FEEDBACK

The agenda topics for the meeting included:

- Study Overview
- Birth Records Analysis
 - Context
 - Methods
 - Preliminary results
 - Future analyses
- Questions and Answers

A recording of the meeting and the PowerPoint presentation are available at:

<https://alisostudy.ucla.edu/events/meeting-3/>.

Community members identified various considerations for the analysis. UCLA will review these and incorporate as appropriate. Suggestions included:

- Extend the analysis time frame before and after the disaster to assess effects of ongoing facility operations.
- Assess impacts related to birth weight percentiles if helpful.
- Correlate pre-blowout analysis results with facility activities. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), California Geologic Energy Management Division

(CALGEM), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have public information about these activities.

- Consider effects of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill and the Van Nuys Airport flight path over the community.
- Account for people who moved from the area following the disaster.
- Focus the analysis on those areas beneath the emission plumes. Incorporating the entire area within the impact radius would dilute results.
- Reconsider the correlation of methane with benzene given Dr. Nordella's report based on AQMD data.