



CITY OF SIGNAL HILL

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City of Signal Hill Update on Home Explosion at 2100 Ohio Avenue

SIGNAL HILL -- On November 5, 2020 at approximately 4:24 p.m., the L.A. County Fire Department responded to an explosion at 2100 Ohio Ave. Immediately following notification, the City began working with partner agencies to conduct a series of surveys. After conducting the series of initial surveys, a multi-agency team including representatives of the L.A. County Fire Department, L.A. County Department of Public Health, the City of Signal Hill, and Signal Hill Petroleum (SHP), conducted an investigation commencing on December 7, 2020.

The following activities were conducted as part of the investigation:

- City staff confirmed the testing of the natural gas pipeline mains, service pipes, and houseline tests.
 - Long Beach Energy Resources (LBER) conducted pressure tests of their natural gas lines in and around the area and reported no leaks were detected.
 - SHP conducted pressure tests of SHP's wells, and also oil, natural gas and water pipelines in and around the area and reported no leaks were detected.
- City commissioned soil sampling activities in and around 2100 Ohio Ave. and 2749 East 21st St.
- Initial indoor and outdoor air monitoring along Ohio Ave. and East 21st St.
- Removal of a corroded 8-inch diameter steel abandoned pipeline (non-LBER, non-SHP) located in Ohio Ave. This orphan pipeline was determined to be a methane source.
- Follow up indoor and outdoor air monitoring along Ohio Ave. and East 21st St after removal of pipeline.

Follow up air monitoring activities have indicated all emissions are within an acceptable range. At this time, the gas emission incident has been deemed mitigated and completed

in the public right-of-way. The two adjacent private property owners are pursuing additional mitigation measures.

Safety Tips

Long Beach Energy Resources (LBER) provides natural gas services to the City of Signal Hill and operates and maintains natural gas pipelines within the City. LBER is committed to providing safe, affordable and reliable natural gas services to all customers. If you think there may be a gas leak based on smell, sounds, or sight, follow these steps:

1. DO NOT light a match, start an engine, use a cell phone, or turn on a switch.
2. Immediately and safely leave the area and warn others to stay away.
3. From a safe location, call 911 or the Energy Resources Department at (562) 570-2140.

For more information on natural gas safety, visit www.longbeach.gov/energyresources/safety/safety-tips/.

SHP owns, operates, and maintains pipelines and facilities within the City. SHP takes every measure possible to ensure a safe environment for both residents and businesses within the community. For more information or to report any concerns, call 562-595-6440 or 562-733-1480, or visit www.shpi.net.
