



Community Members:

As we begin 2020, the Aliso Canyon Disaster Health Research Study is finally getting ready to launch, and we are close to announcing the Scientific Oversight Committee (SOC), which will guide the Study's focus and priorities to be analyzed by independent researchers and informed by research ideas previously received from your community. We have spent the last year working to ensure the Study proceeds with scientific rigor and integrity.

In setting up the Study's framework, we have drawn on best-practices and counsel from leading organizations, including the California Council on Science and Technology and the National Institutes of Health.

I encourage you to read through a recent [presentation](#) I gave to this Study's Community Advisory Group (CAG). The presentation provides some general information on health studies, considerations in research design, and potential opportunities and challenges with environmental health studies. A fact sheet summarizing this presentation can also be found [here](#).

We have a busy and important few months ahead as we launch the SOC, and it discusses and prepares the Study's goals and priorities, again drawn from community feedback. Once this is ready, we will develop and publicly release a solicitation for research proposals aligned with these goals and priorities.

We will continue to provide updates along the way, and I encourage you to continue submitting comments, concerns, and ideas.

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