

MOTION

PUBLIC WORKS

The Rancho LPG LLC Holdings Facility is a butane and propane storage facility located adjacent to a residential area of San Pedro. The facility includes two above-ground 12.5 million-gallon refrigerated tanks, as well as five above-ground 60,000-gallon horizontal storage tanks. The refrigerated tanks were constructed in 1973 and 1974 and met all applicable engineering standards and building codes at that time. Holding over 25,000,000 million gallons of butane and propane, which are liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) products, these substances are commonly used in homes, restaurants and vehicles, and are extremely flammable and explosive gasses.

As previously reported out in council files, the facility is regulated by at least nine local, state and federal agencies, including: California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), Department of Homeland Security (DHS), California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA), Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (DBS), California Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation Department of Public Works (BOS), and Los Angeles County Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA). In addition, as part of the regulations, the facility is required to submit reports for the California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) program.

Recently, photos of a water basin on site have shown varying levels of water in it, leading to questions of how this impacts Rancho LPG’s operational capacity. It’s unclear which agency oversees regulations related to this potential mitigation measure and how it is reported or monitored on a continual basis. Should the basin become polluted, the release of contaminated water could impact local water infrastructure. An investigation of this facility’s water basin and its impact to overall operations and mitigations is necessary.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Public Works, specifically the Office of Petroleum and Natural Gas Administration and Safety, Bureau of Sanitation, Emergency Management Department, Los Angeles Fire Department, Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, Los Angeles Department of Power and Water, and any other relevant department, with the cooperation and coordination of the City Attorney, to report back with an analysis of regulating authority for the water basin under the purview of the City’s jurisdiction, when it comes to the operations of the site, and its potential water contamination produced by the Rancho LPG Facility.

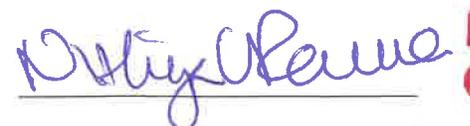


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