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Aliso Canyon Leak Summary & Intro to Well Integrity Workshop

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Background

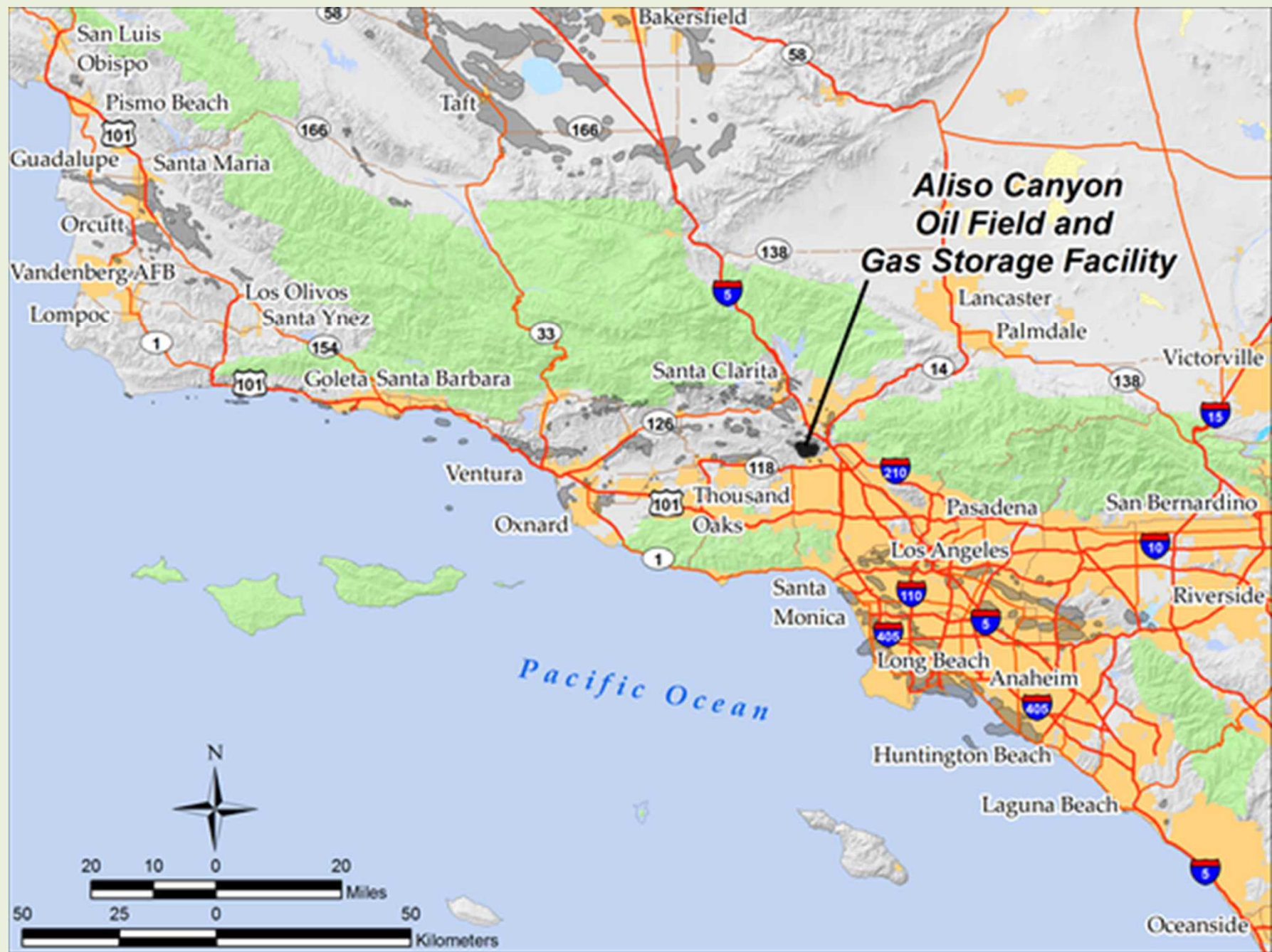
- In October 2015, a leak developed at the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility that released large amounts of methane, impacted thousands of local residents, and took more than four months to seal.
- On February 18, 2016, state officials announced that the leak was permanently plugged. An estimated 97,100 tonnes (95,600 long tons; 107,000 short tons) of methane and 7,300 tonnes (7,200 long tons; 8,000 short tons) of ethane was released into the atmosphere, making it the worst natural gas leak in U.S. history in terms of its environmental impact.
- An interagency task force on Natural Gas Storage Safety coordinated by the DOE is being assembled to review the circumstances surrounding the incident. The overarching objective of the review is to gather, analyze, catalogue, and disseminate information and findings that can lead to improved natural gas storage safety and security and thus reduce the risk of future events.

National Lab Activities

- **Nov 19, Initial discussion with state of CA regarding setting up technical advisory group**
- **Dec 10, Establishment of technical support group consisting of LLNL, SNL and LBNL. Start of contracting effort**
- **Dec 16, Initial site visit of Lab Team to Aliso Canyon**
- **Jan 15, Site visit with Boots and Coots, SoCalGas to discuss well kill model**
- **Feb 16, DOE/PHMSA visit to site with Lab Team and Roundtable discussion**
- **Mar 11, Initiation of discussions for Well Integrity Workshop**

Other Lab Team Activities

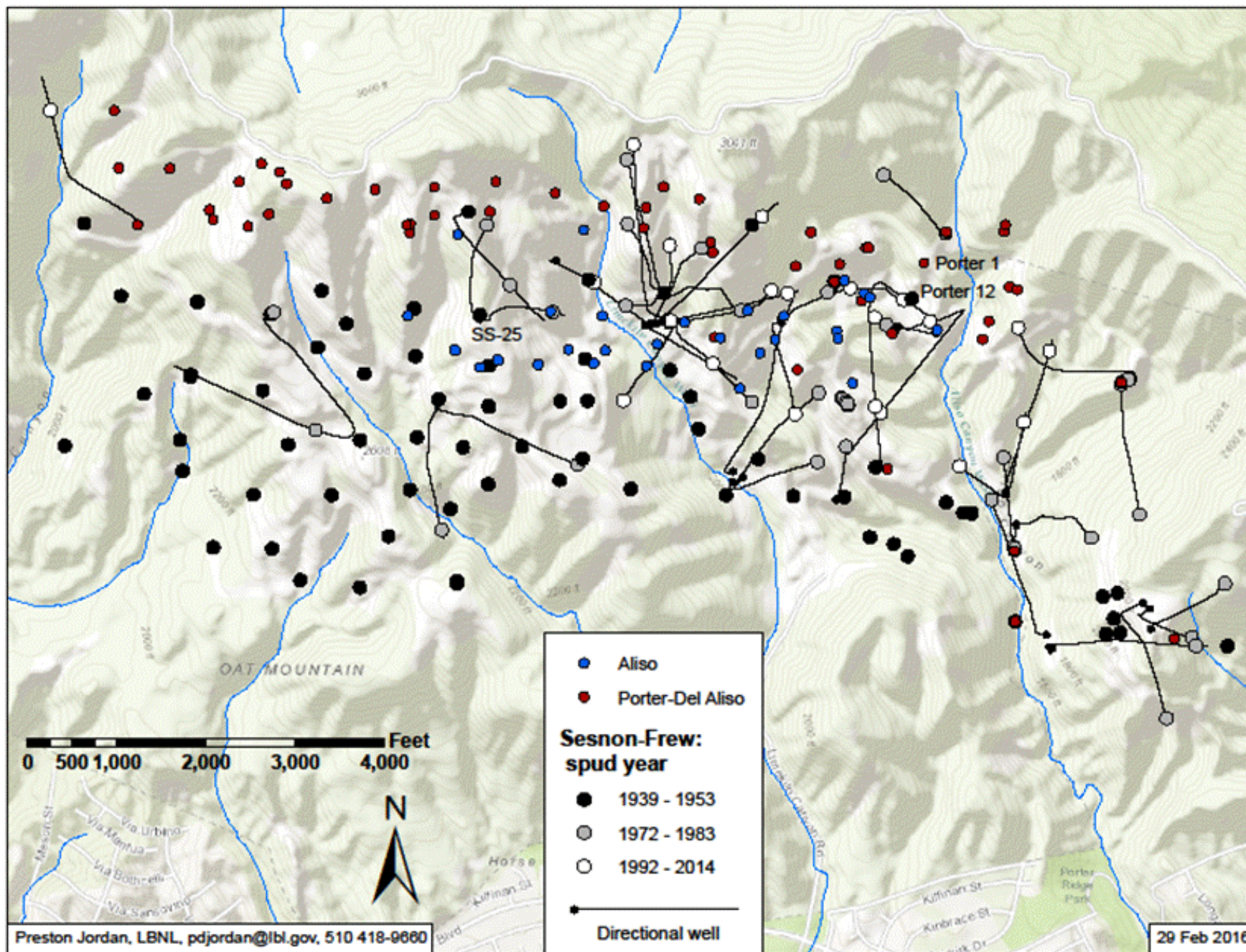
- **Review of history and operations at Aliso Canyon to understand the design and operations impacting Sesnon-25**
- **Informal review of other state well integrity regulations and regulations directly applied to natural gas storage**
- **Modeling of top kill and relief well operations**
- **Periodic informal updates submitted to DOE/HQ as requested to inform WH and interagency task force**
- **DOE/FE initiated a multi-lab research team (SNL, LBNL, LLNL, and NETL) with the charter to provide a report back in 6 months on natural gas well integrity and best practices**
- **Participation in Workshop with regulators, operators and technical experts on Well Integrity**

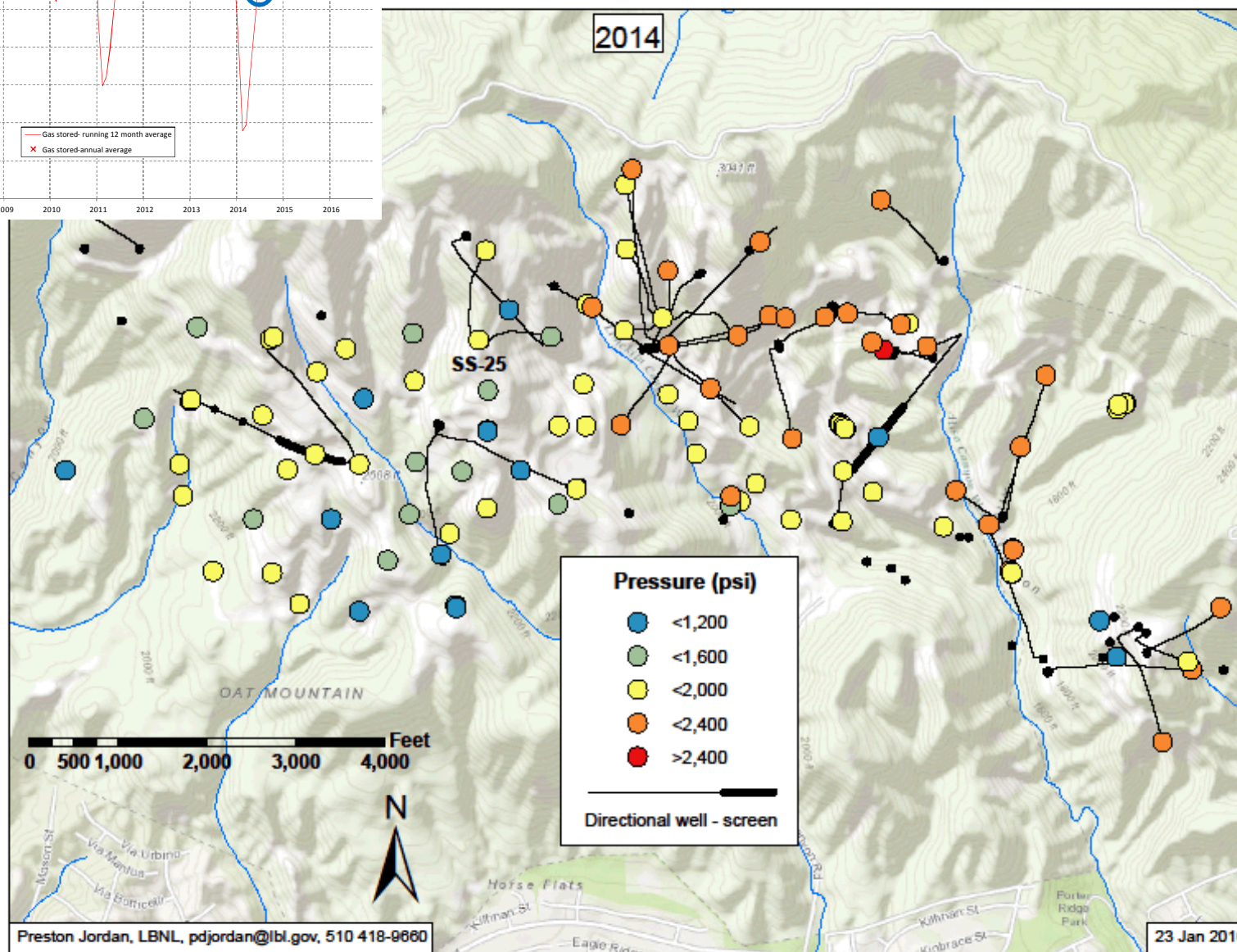
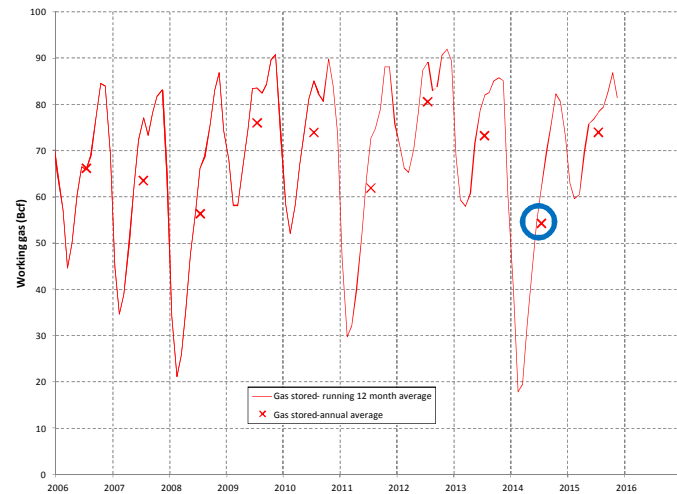




<http://www.ibtimes.com/california-methane-leak-heres-where-over-400-us-natural-gas-storage-facilities-are-2265607?rel=rel1>

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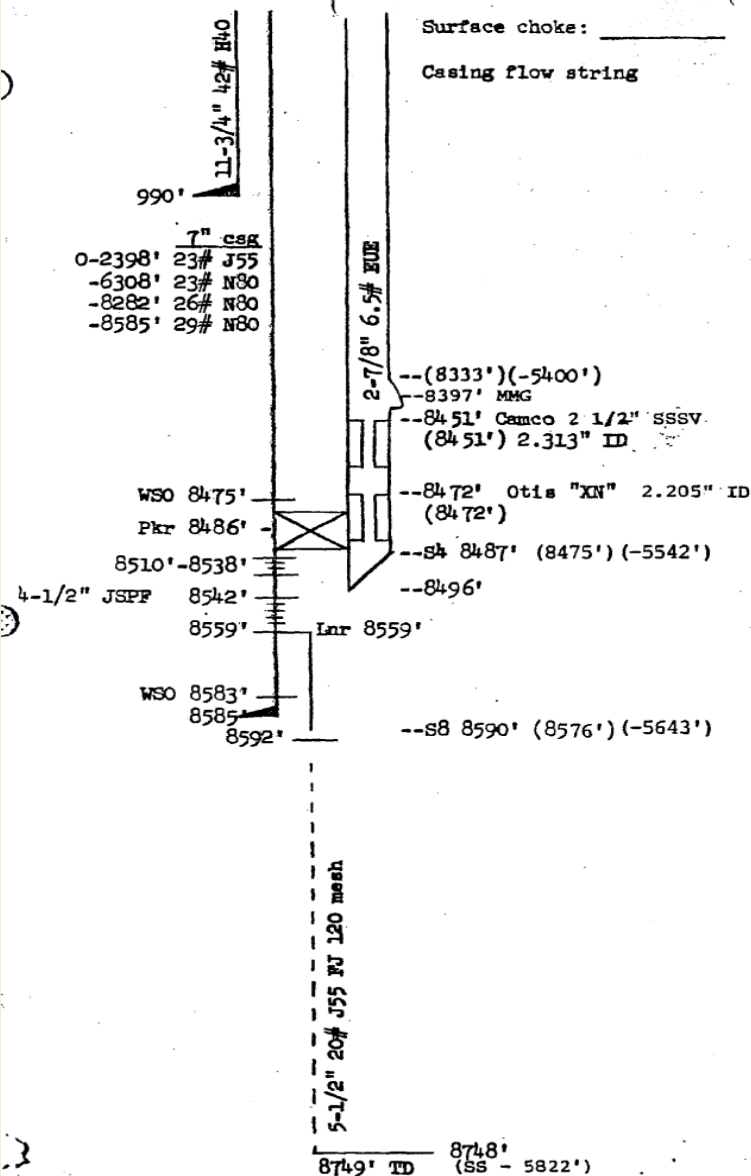




Elevation: 2927" G.L.
DF: 6'

Standard Sesnon 25

Standard Sesnon 25 Well History



10/1/53 - Well spud
2/25/54 - Well completed
893' of 4-1/2" drill pipe +
Johnston tester side tracked -
old TD 4948' plugged back 3860'
5/24/73 - 6/6/73 Cleaned out
to 8748', pressure tested csg,
perforated for conversion to
gas storage, ran tbq with gas
lift valves
6/25/76 - 7/9/76 Cleaned out
to 8748', ran tbq with SSSV
2/16/79-2/20/79 Replaced
safety system

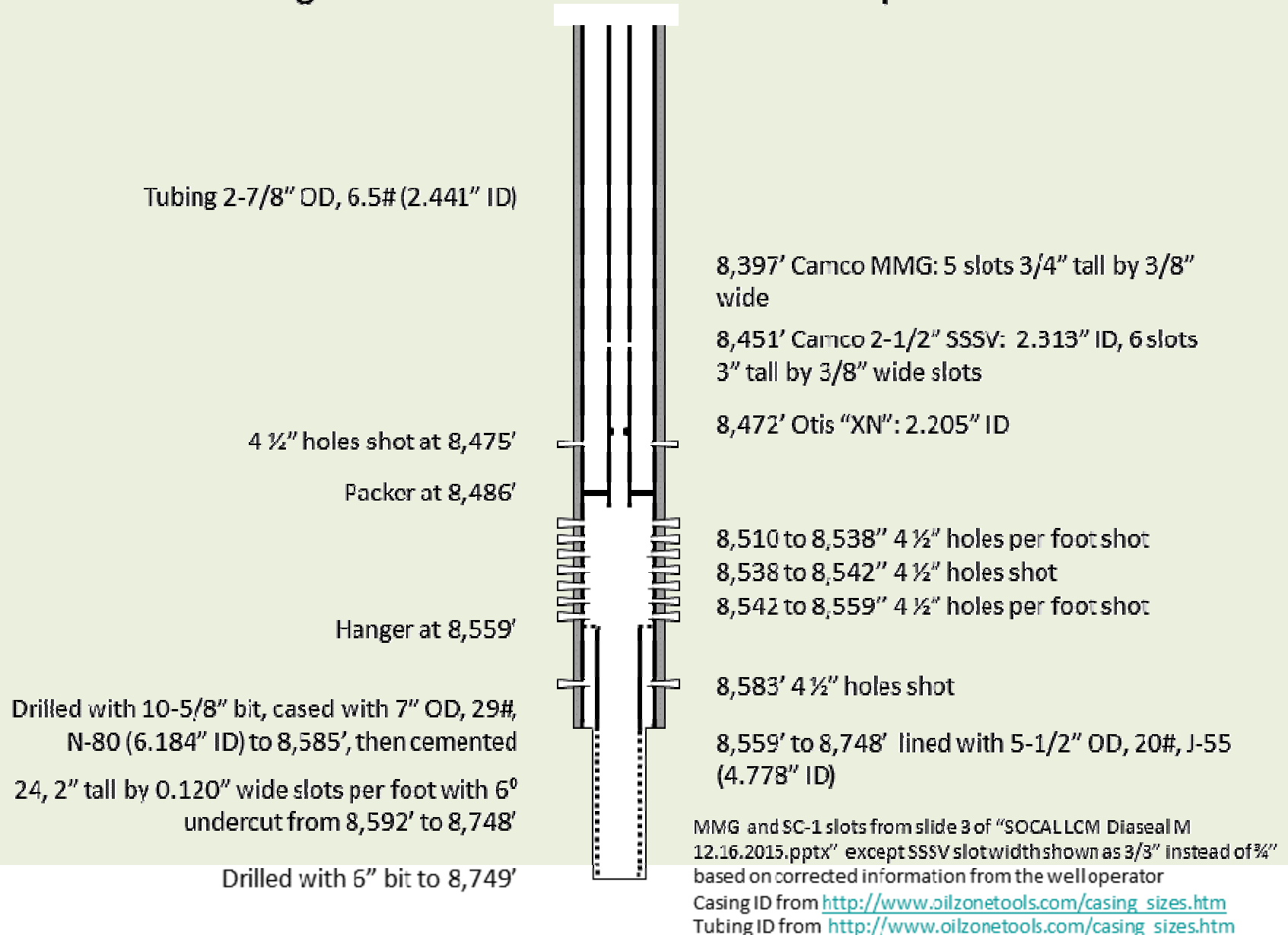
NOTE: Unable to use lower
nipple - use M-lock for
SSSV nipple. See wire-
line tickets.

WELL VOLUME

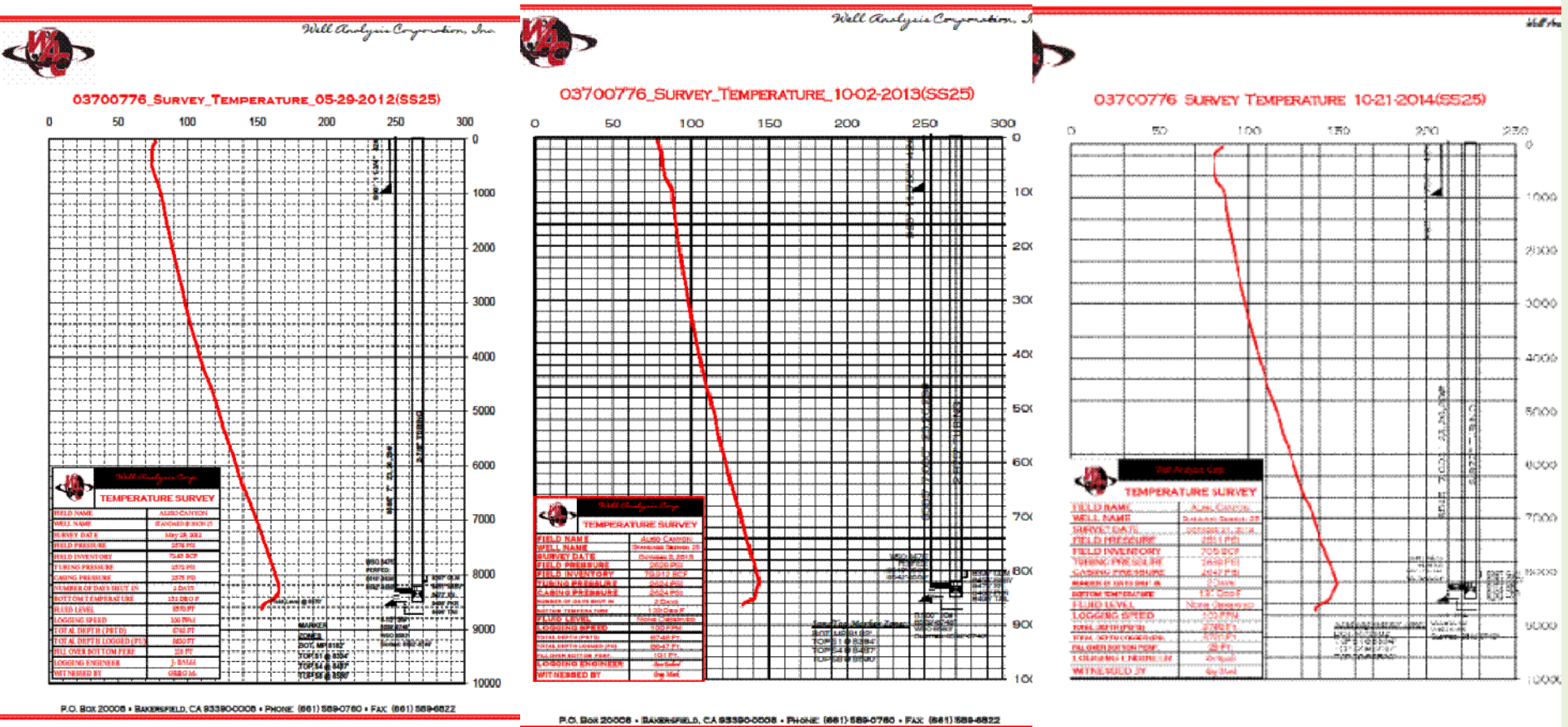
	Cu.Ft.	Bbl.
Tubing	276	49
Csg/Lnr.	37	7
Annulus	1469	262

Source:
DOC/DOGGR website

Traceable configuration of the base of the well prior to blowout

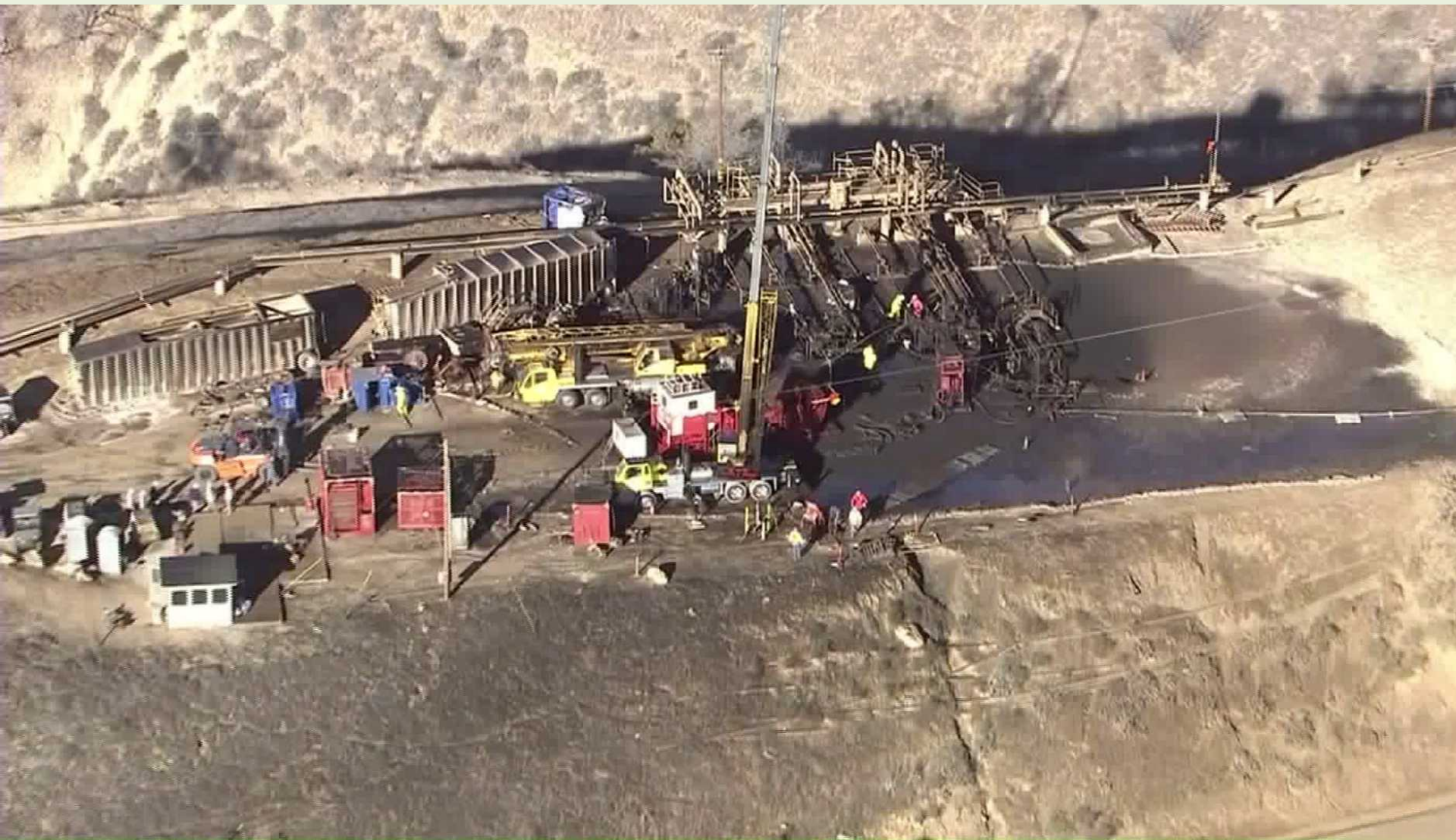


Temperature logs, past 3 years



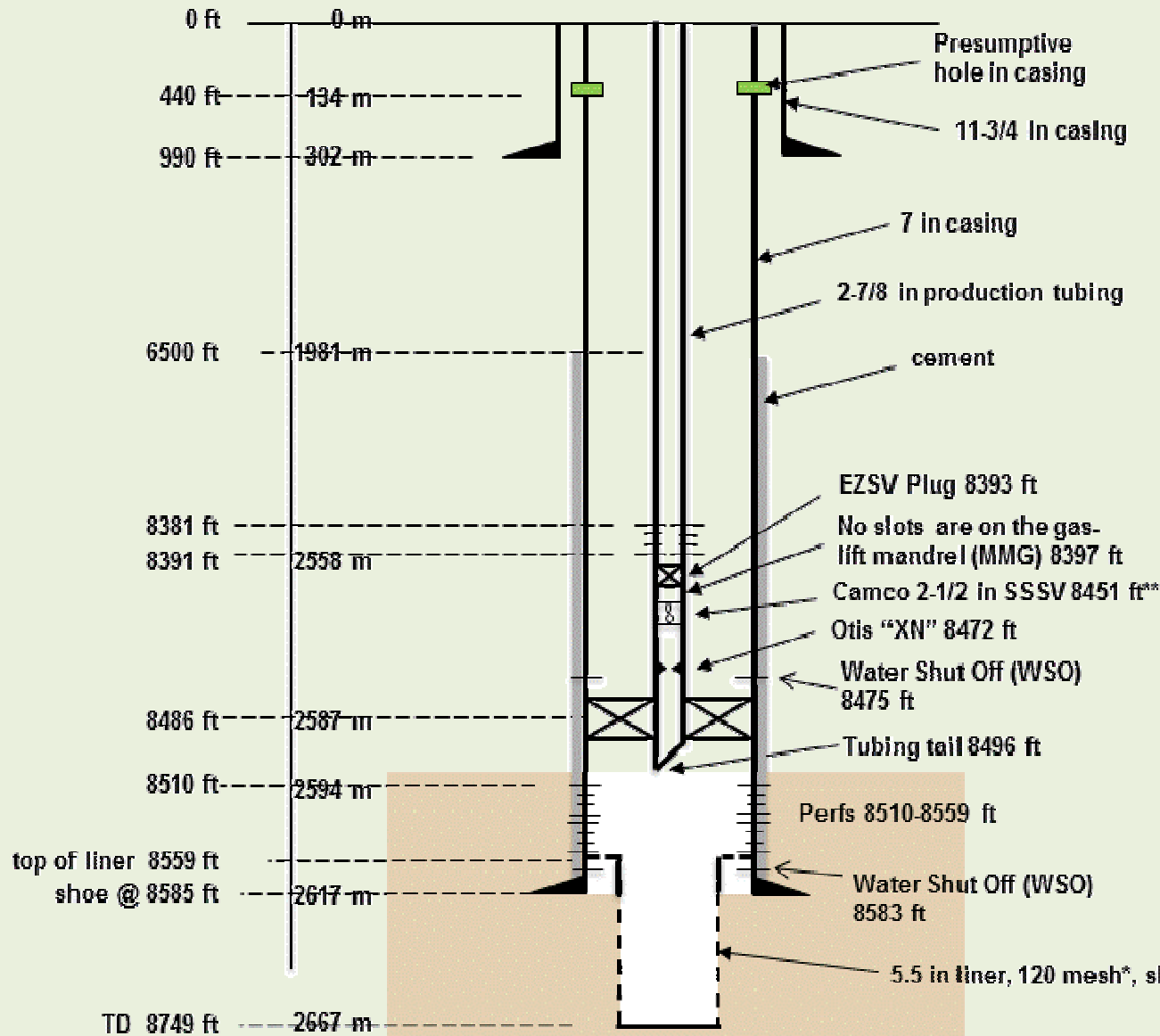
Source DOC/DOGGR website
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<http://ktla.com/2016/02/18/socal-gas-porter-ranch-leaking-well-announcement/>

Components in the SS-25 well create a complex flow path for gas and kill fluid



Well Volume

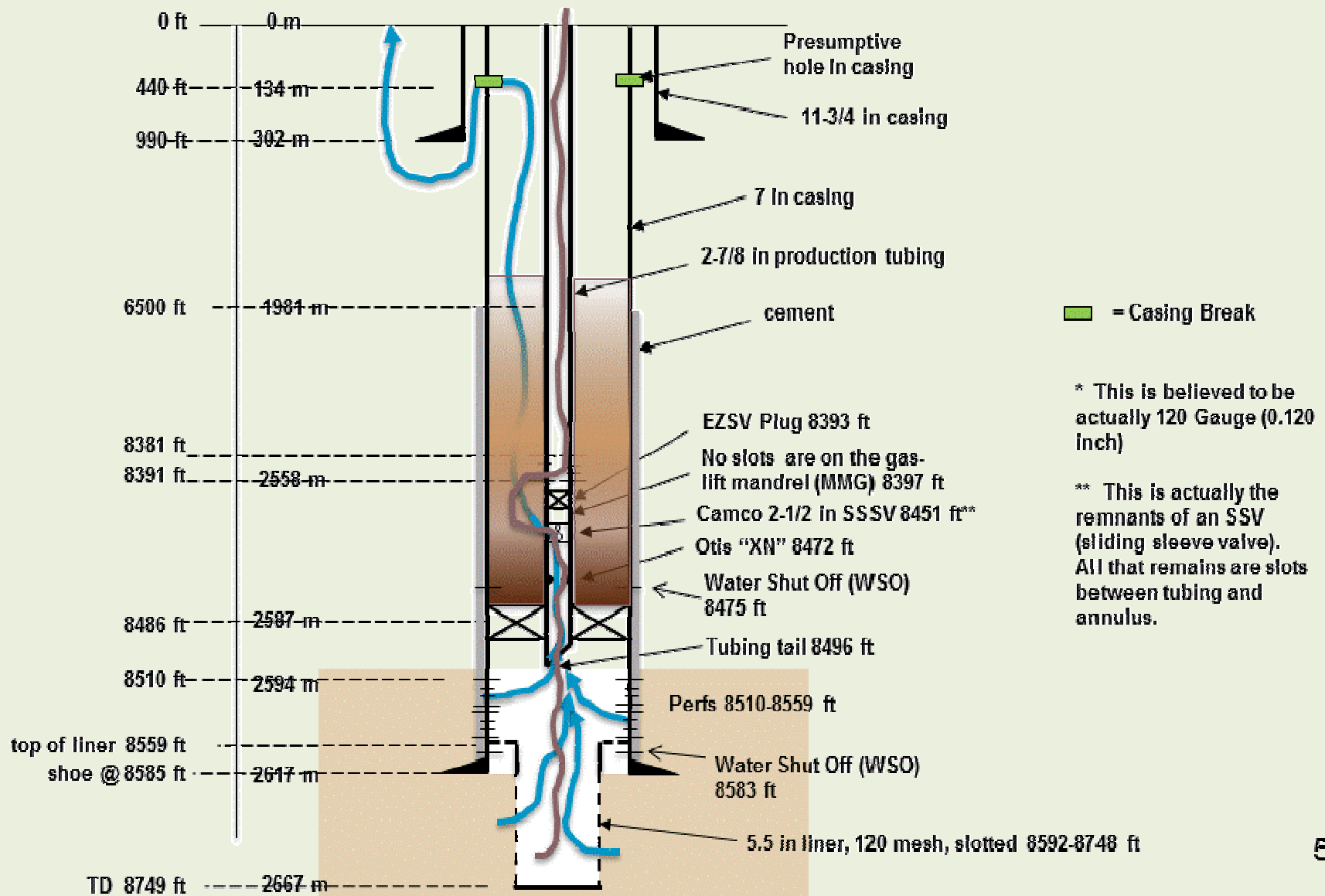
	<u>Cu.Ft.</u>	<u>Bbl</u>
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Total	1782	318

■ = Casing Break

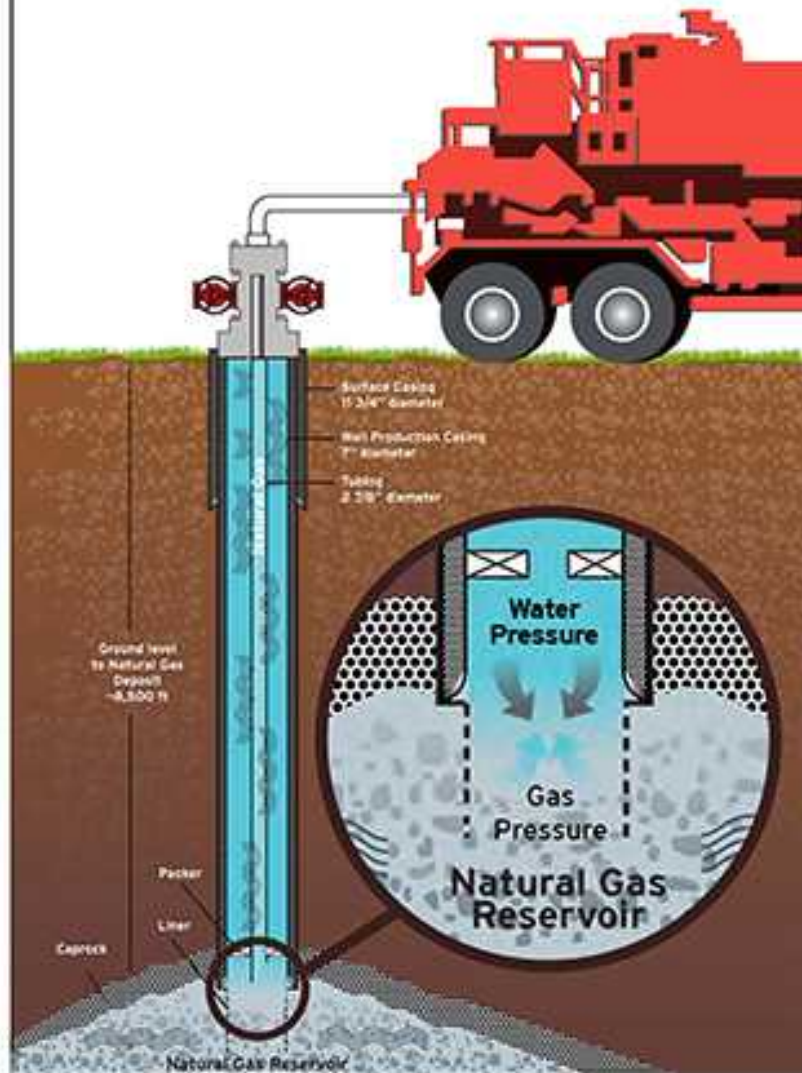
* This is believed to be actually 120 Gauge (0.120 inch)

** This is actually the remnants of an SSV (sliding sleeve valve). All that remains are slots between tubing and annulus.

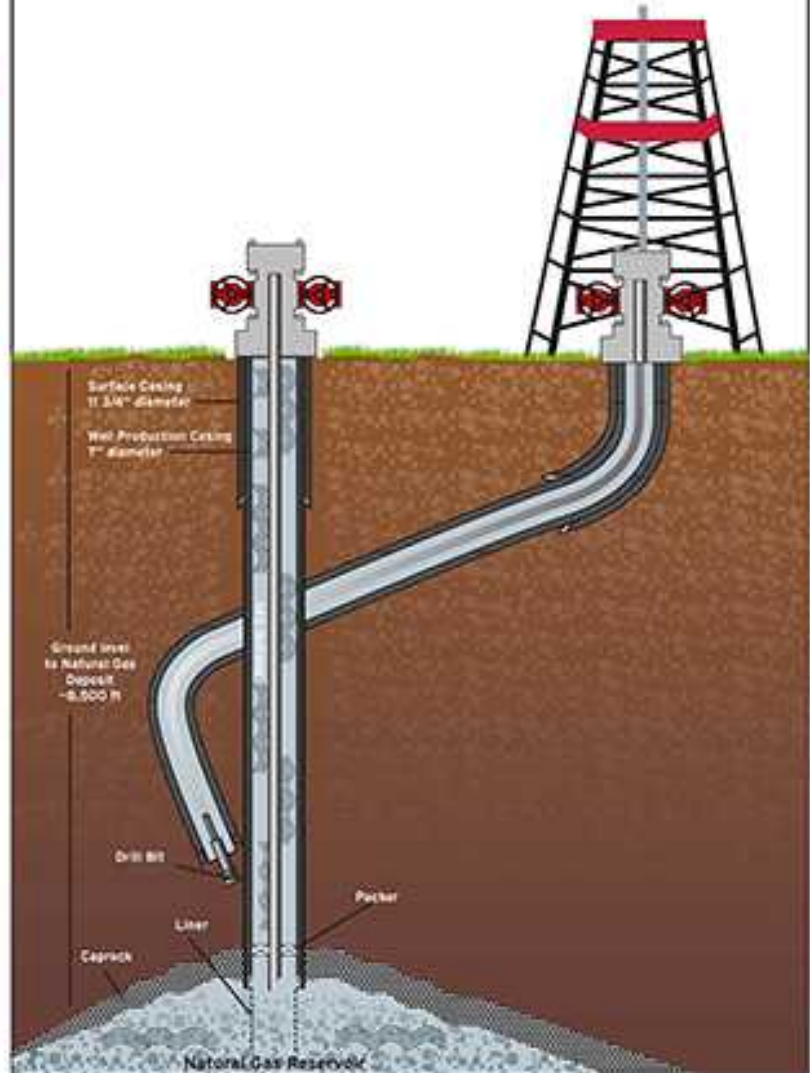
For SS-25 top-kill, kill fluid (brown) has to build up in the casing and overcome gas (blue) flowing out of the SSV slots

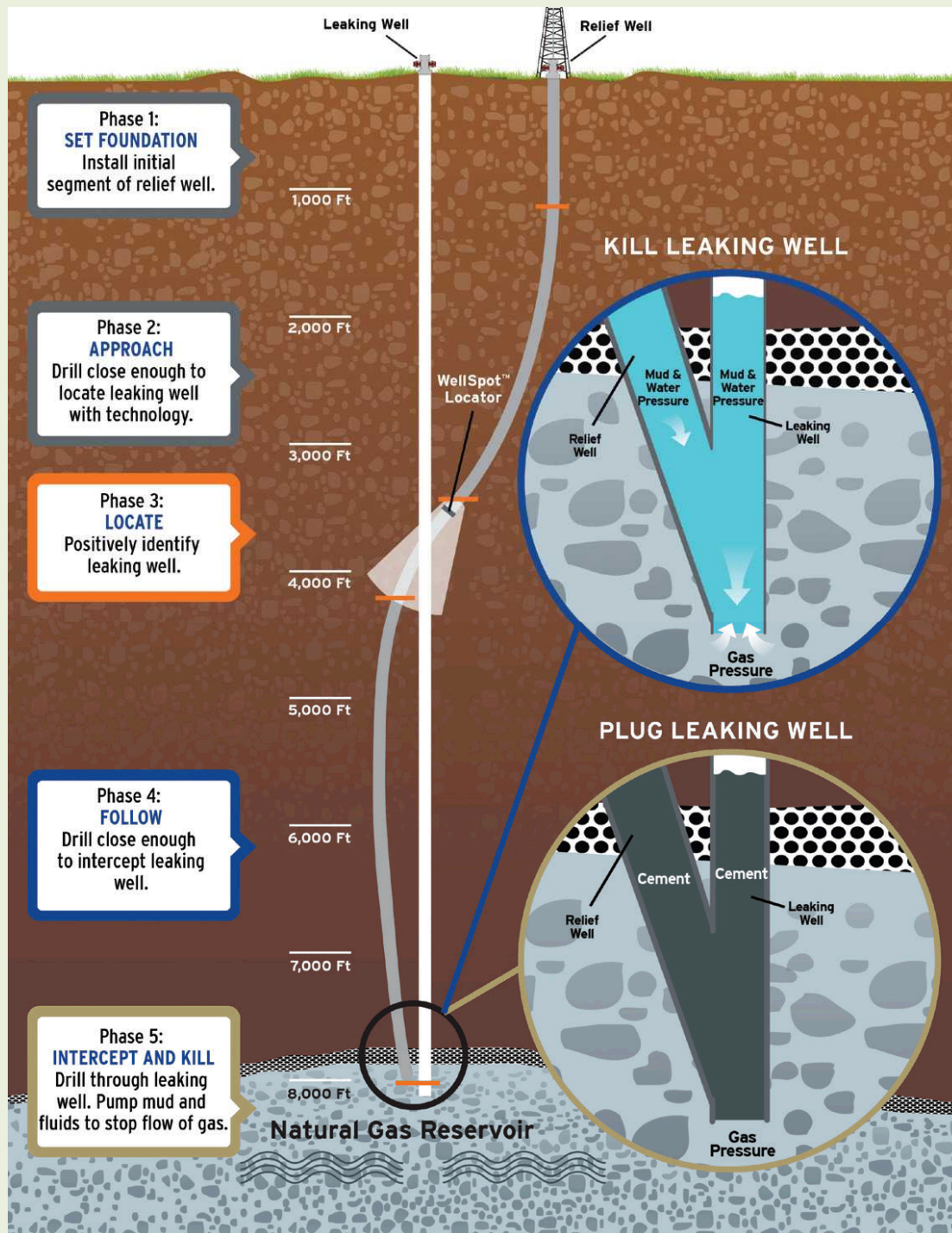


Pumping Fluids Directly Into Leaking Well



Pumping Fluids Via Relief Well

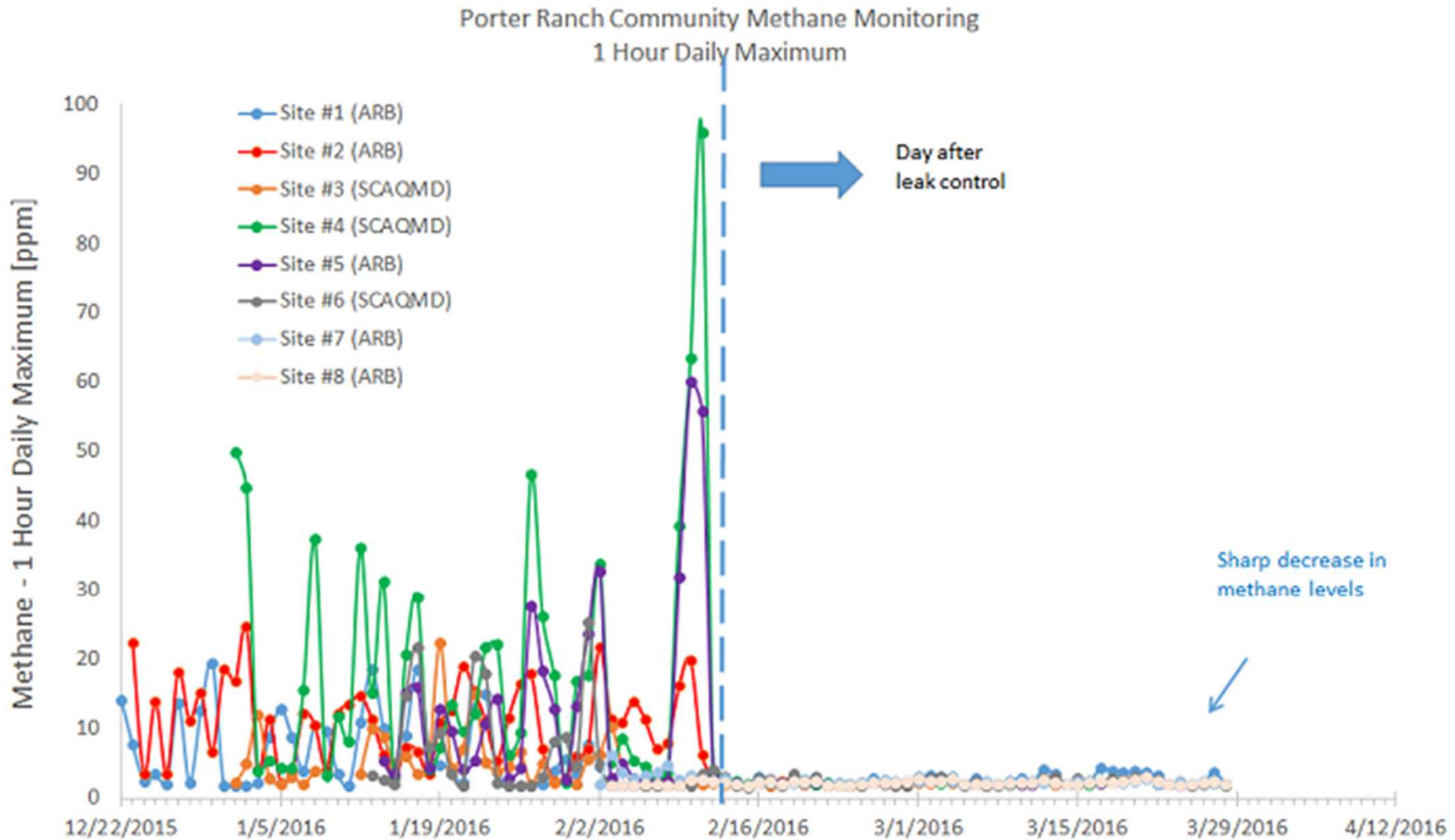




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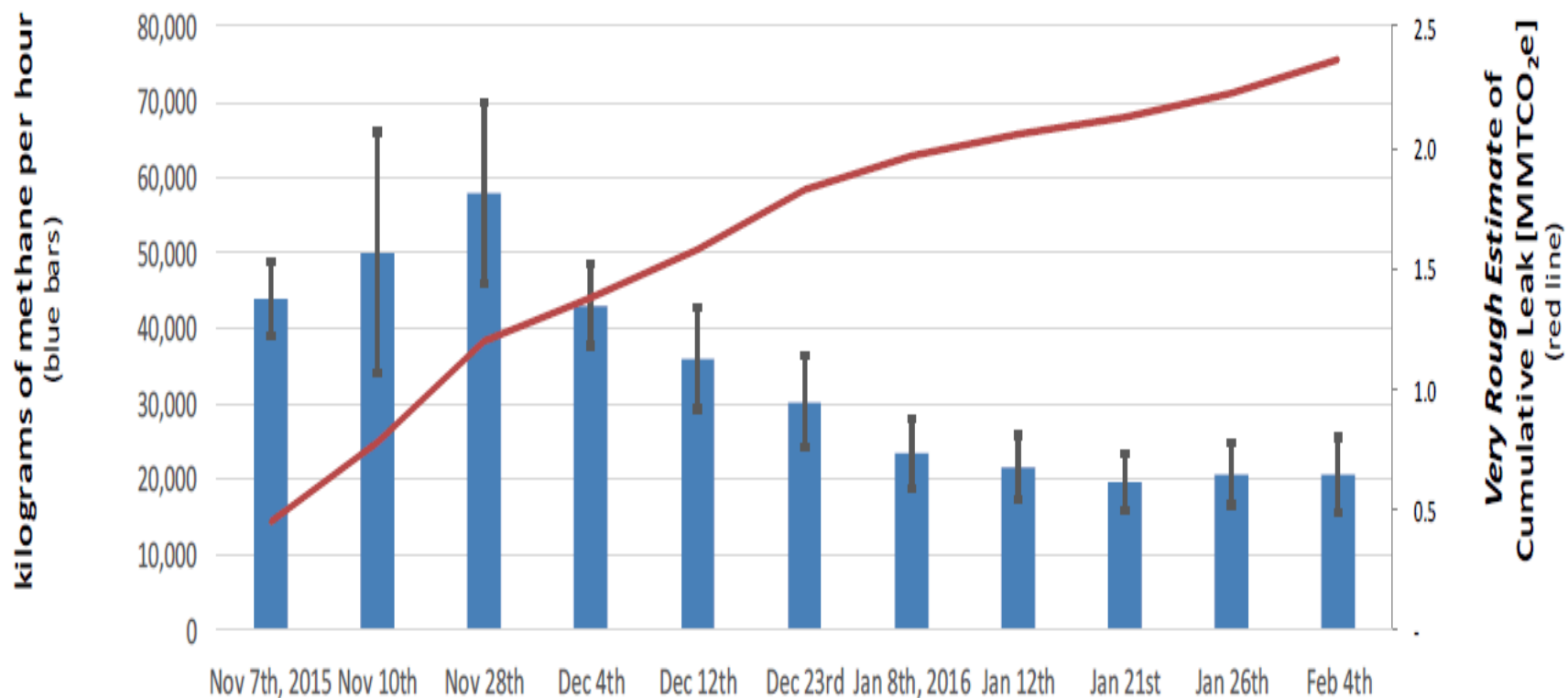
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[http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/aliso_canyon/aliso_canyon_natural_gas_leak_updates-sa flights thru April 5 2016.pdf](http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/aliso_canyon/aliso_canyon_natural_gas_leak_updates-sa_flights_thru_April_5_2016.pdf)

Aliso Canyon - Initial Estimates of Leak



http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/aliso_canyon/aliso_canyon_natural_gas_leak_updates-sa_flights_thru_April_5_2016.pdf

Workshop on Well Integrity for Natural Gas Storage in Depleted Reservoirs and Aquifers

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Agenda

Speakers are invited to present on these topic areas:

- Risk and subsurface integrity management of gas storage fields
- Case studies relating to construction/design and operation/maintenance of gas storage wells
- Regulatory requirements and regulatory oversight activities
- Best practices
- Advanced Technologies for assessing well integrity
- Modeling and simulation of accident management processes
- Other topic areas directly related to managing risks associated with subsurface reservoir gas storage

Panel discussions will be led by experts in the following areas:

- Best practices for managing risks associated with well integrity
- Regulations for ensuring safe gas storage operations –
do we have necessary and sufficient rules in place?

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