

# Aliso Canyon Leak Summary

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## Intro to Well Integrity Workshop

presentation to

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# Background

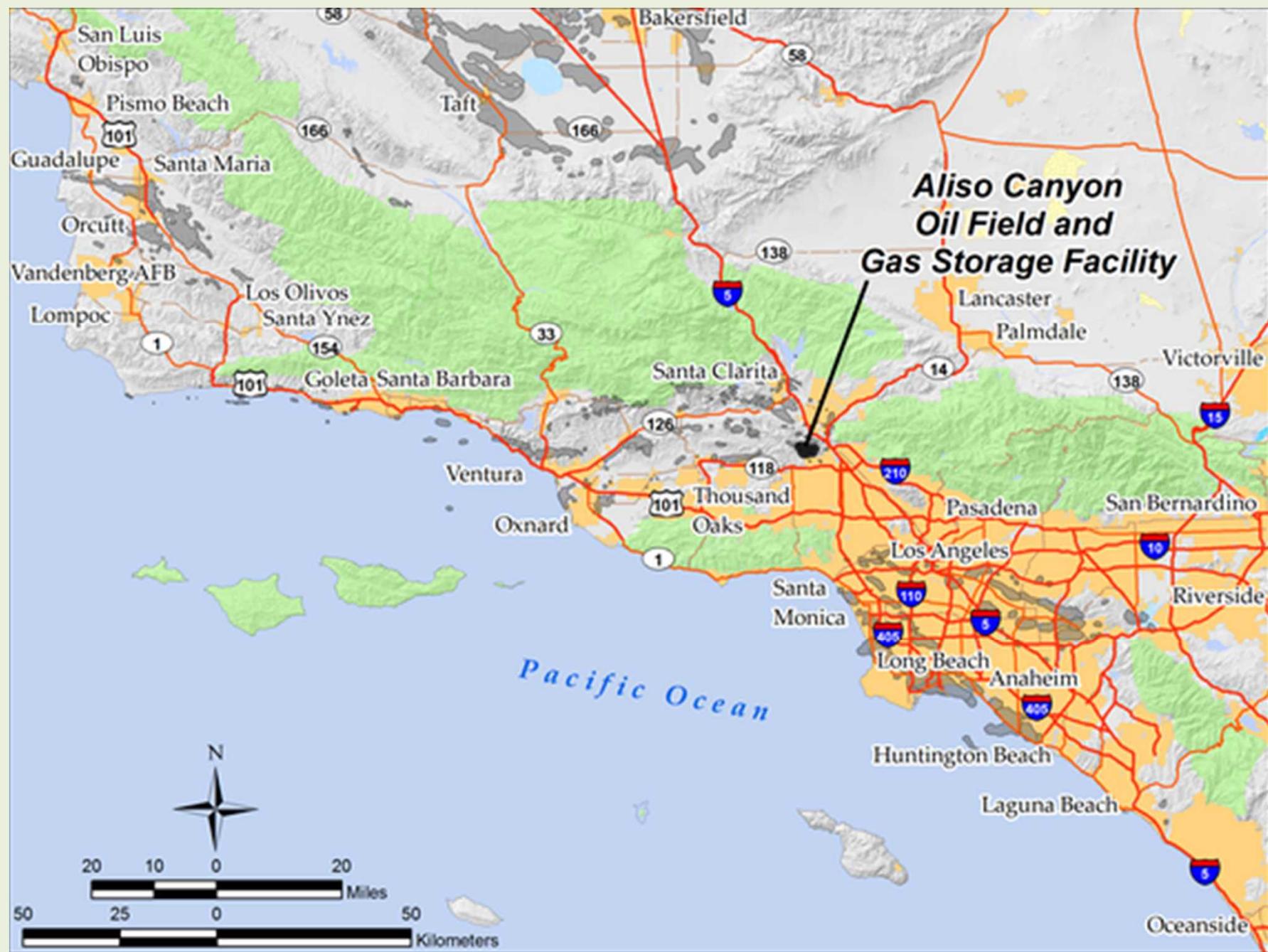
- In October 2015, a leak developed at the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility that released large amounts of methane, impacted thousands of local residents, and took more than four months to seal.
- On February 18, 2016, state officials announced that the leak was permanently plugged. An estimated 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

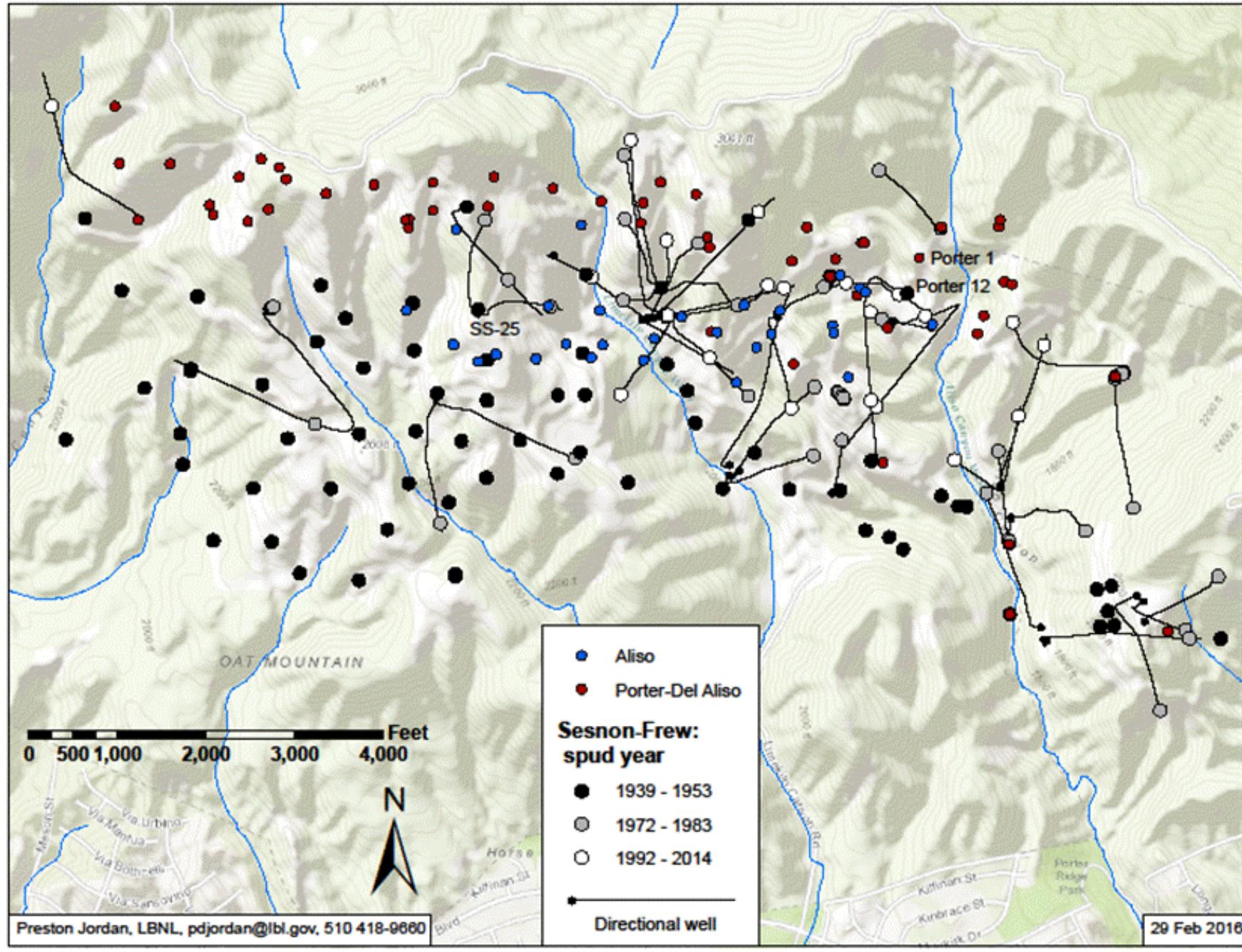
- Review of history and operations at Aliso Canyon to understand the design and operations impacting Sesnon-25
  - Informal review of other state well integrity regulations and regulations directly applied to natural gas storage
  - Modeling of top kill and relief well operations
  - Periodic informal 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

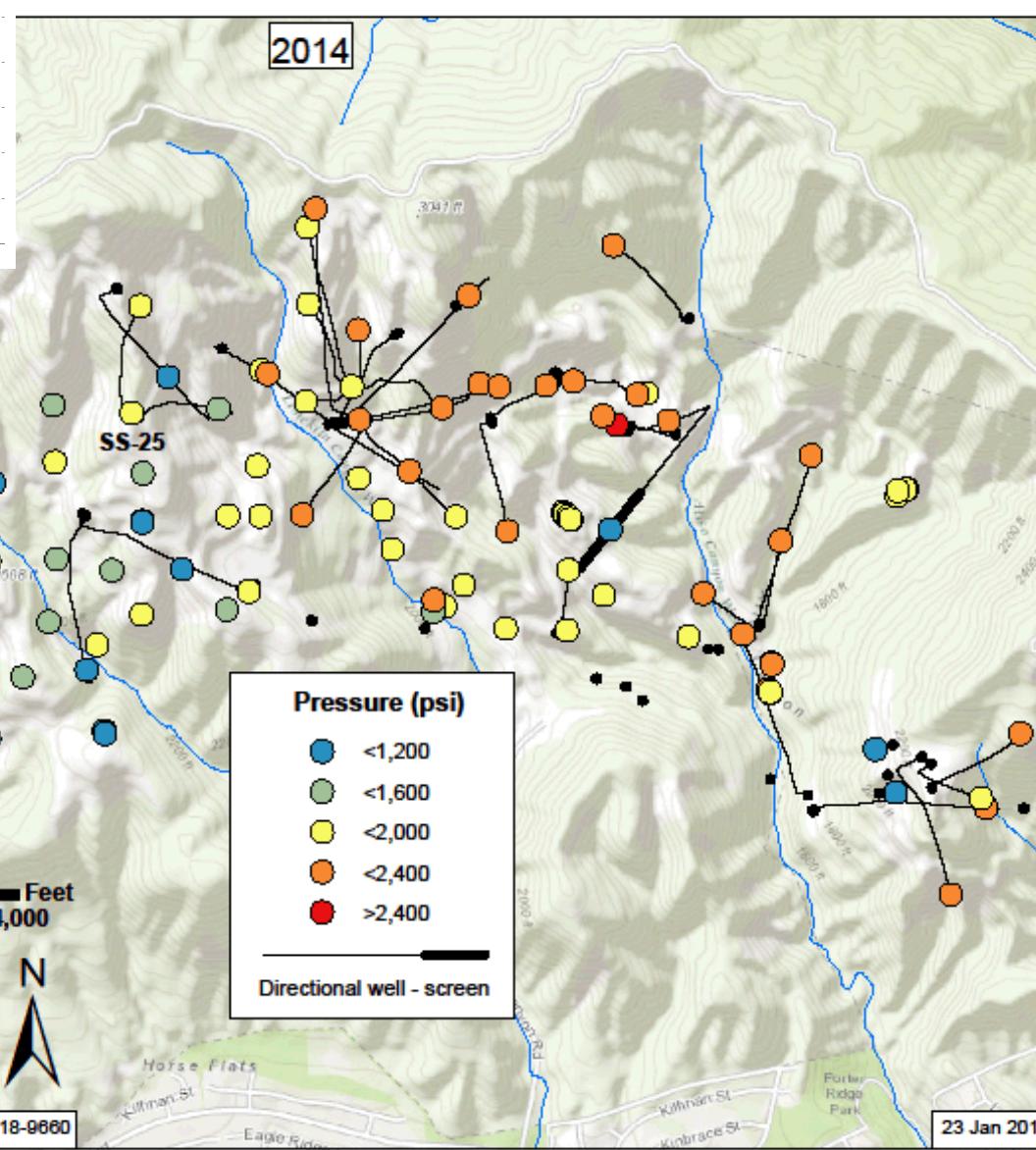
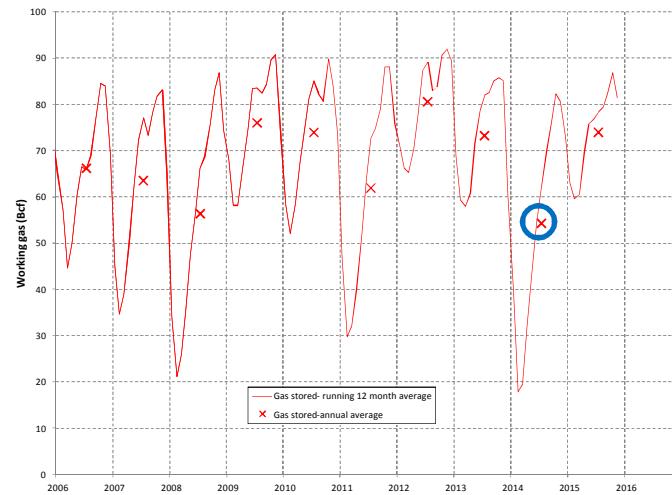




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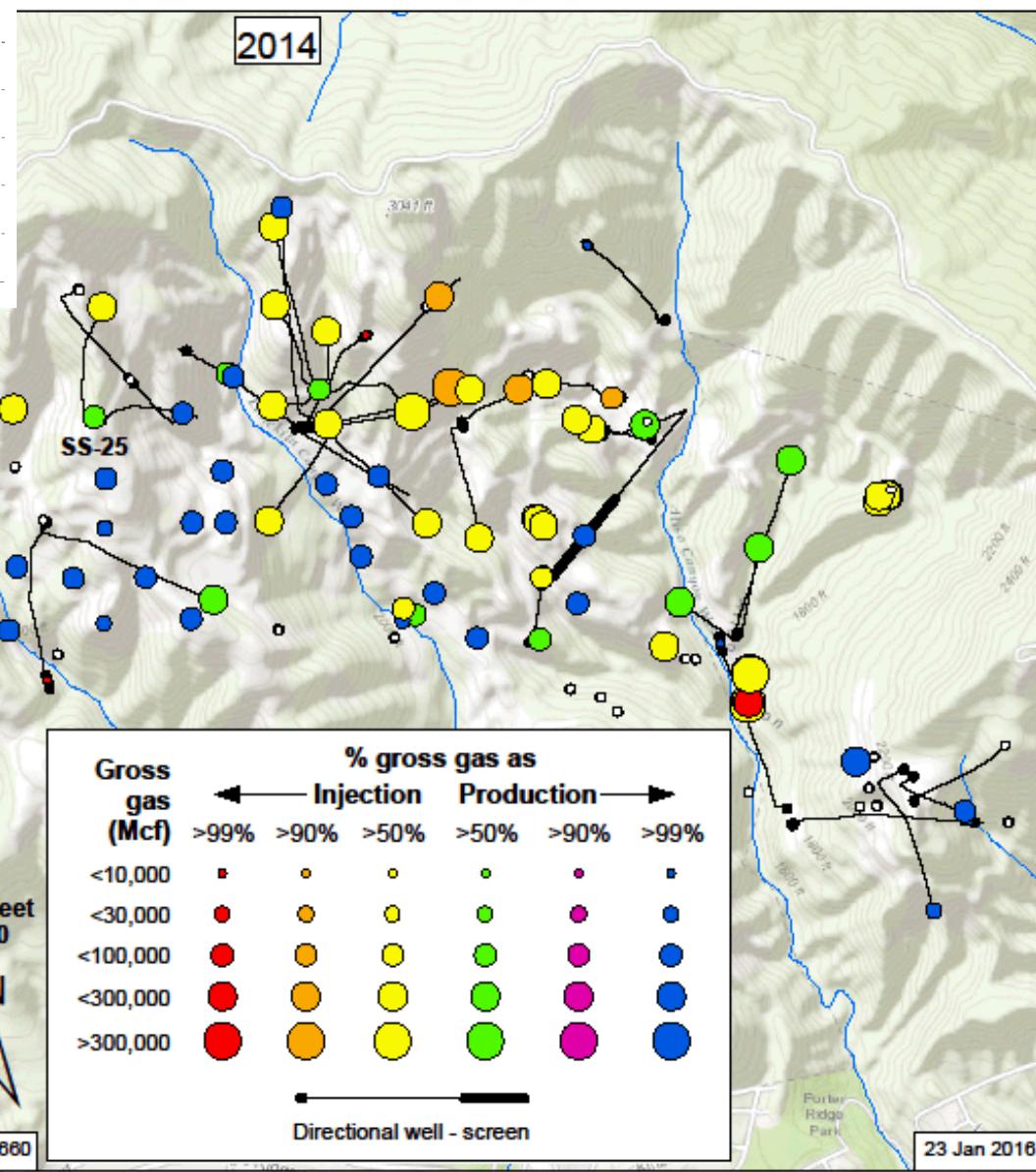
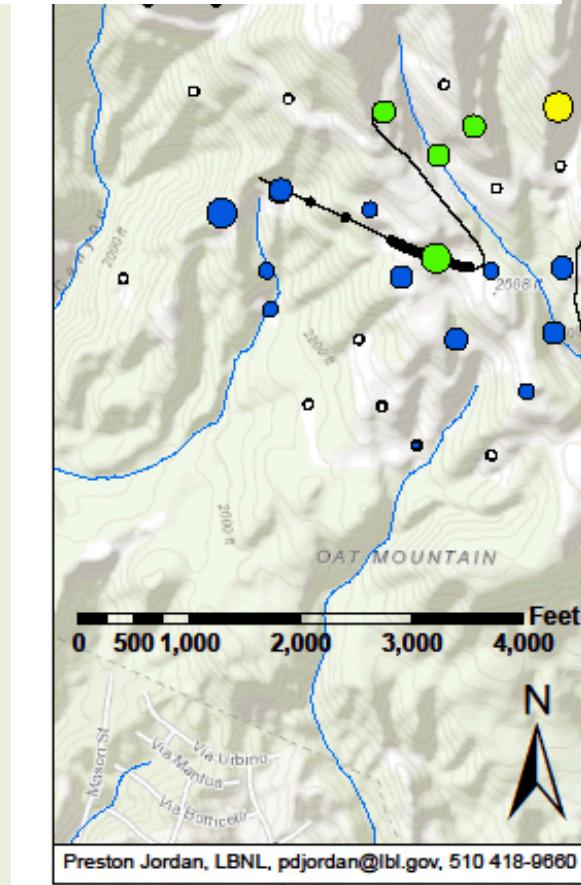
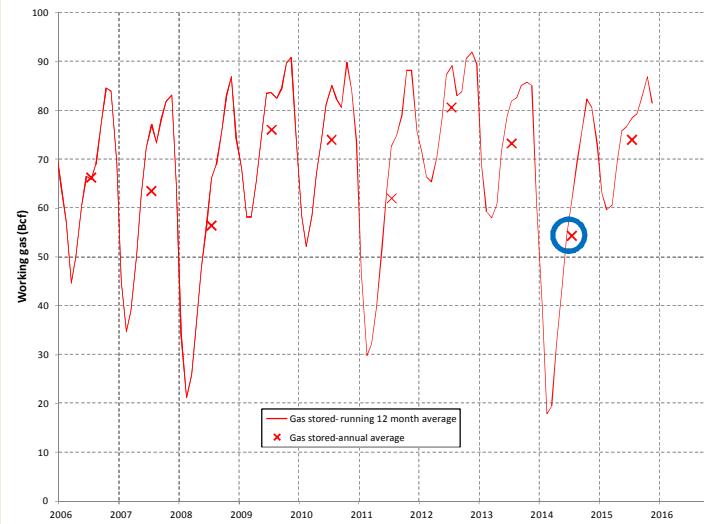
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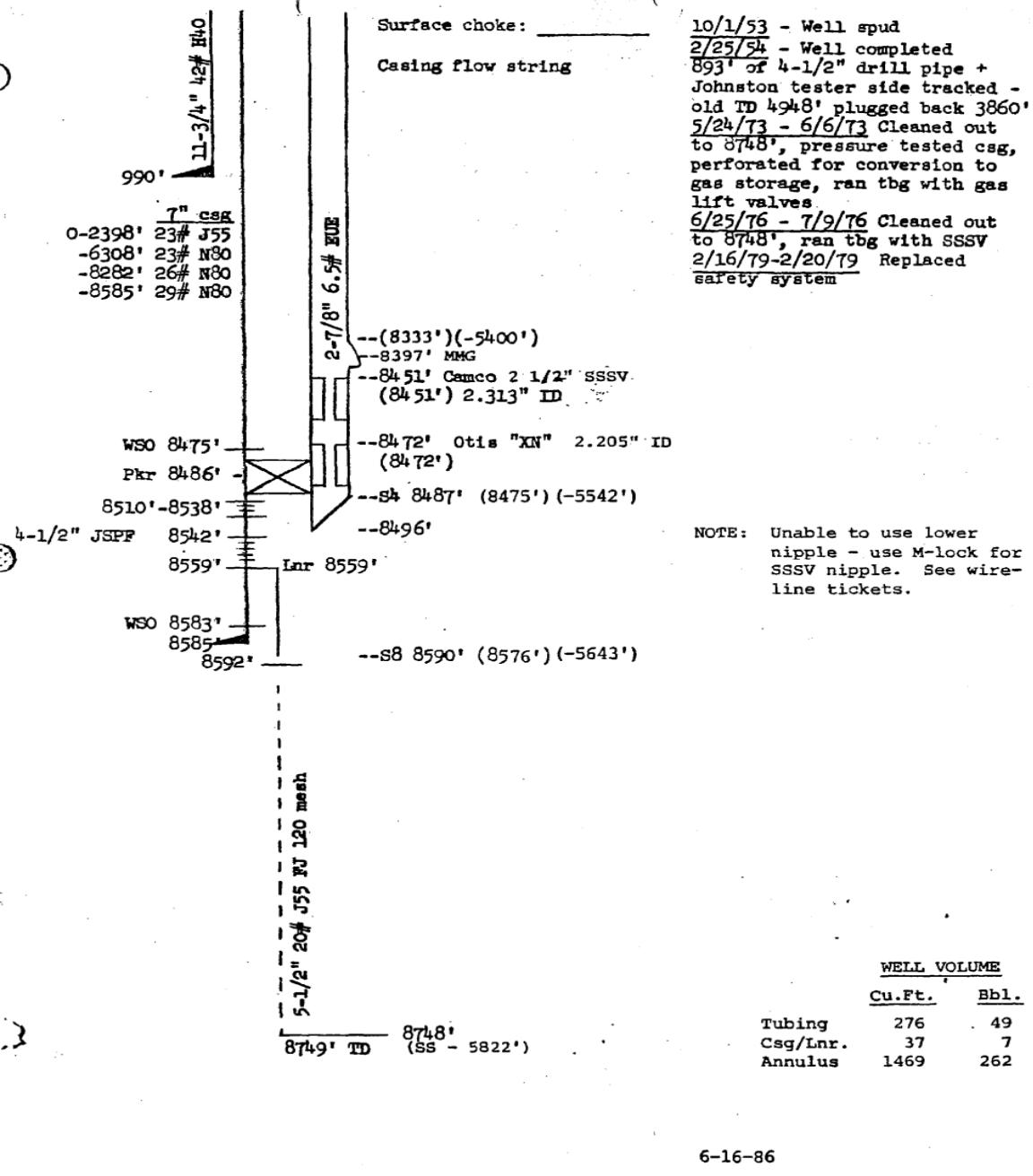
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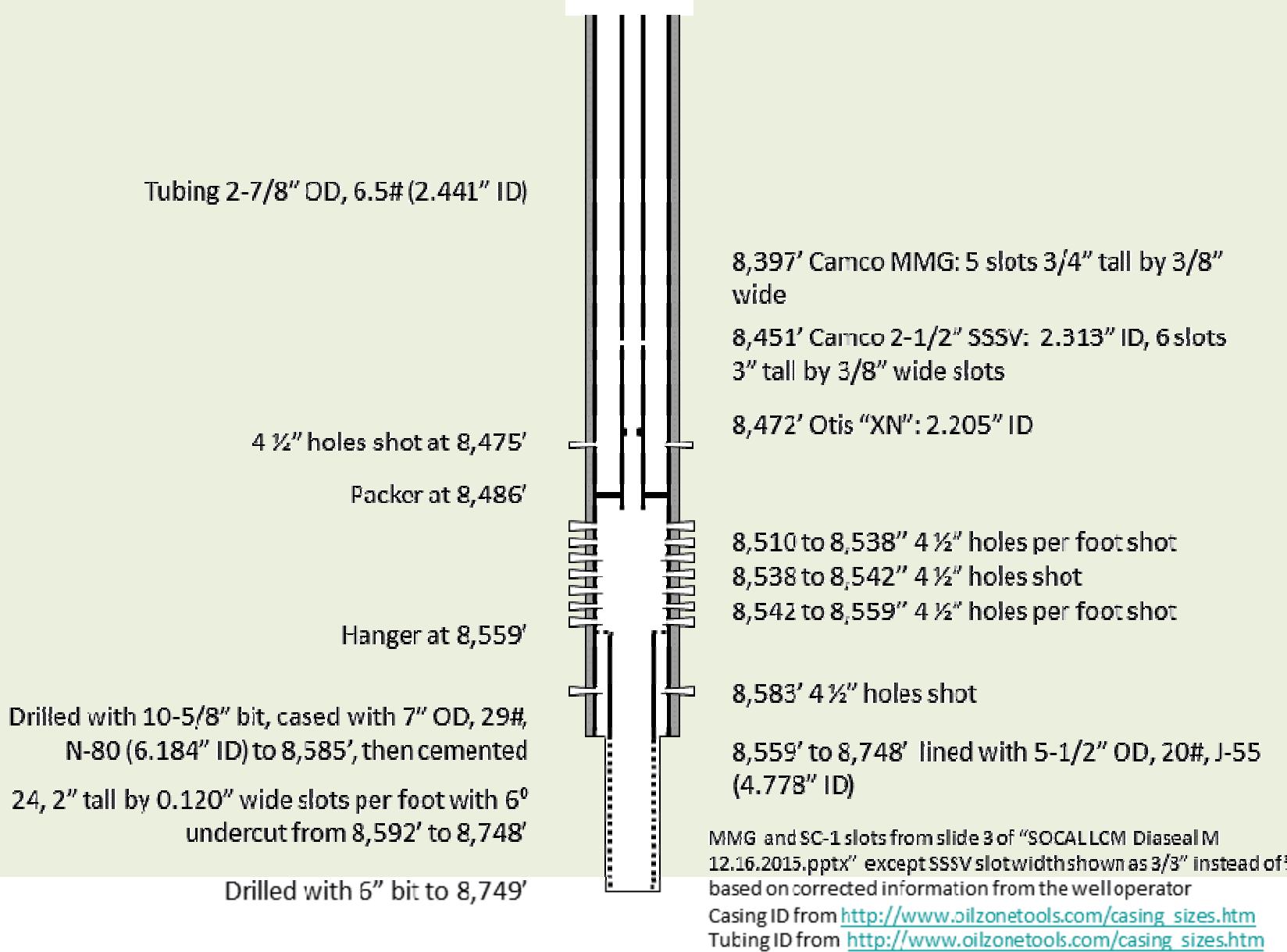
Standard Sesnon 25



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Well History

Source:  
DOC/DOGGR website

# Traceable configuration of the base of the well prior to blowout



# Temperature logs, past 3 years



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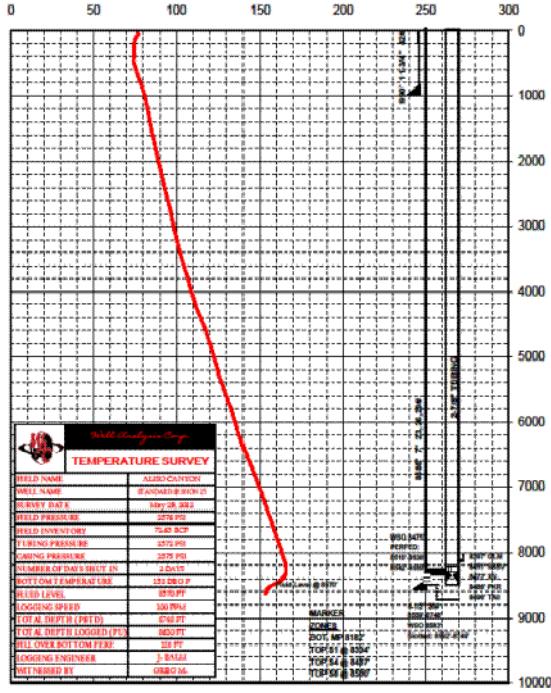


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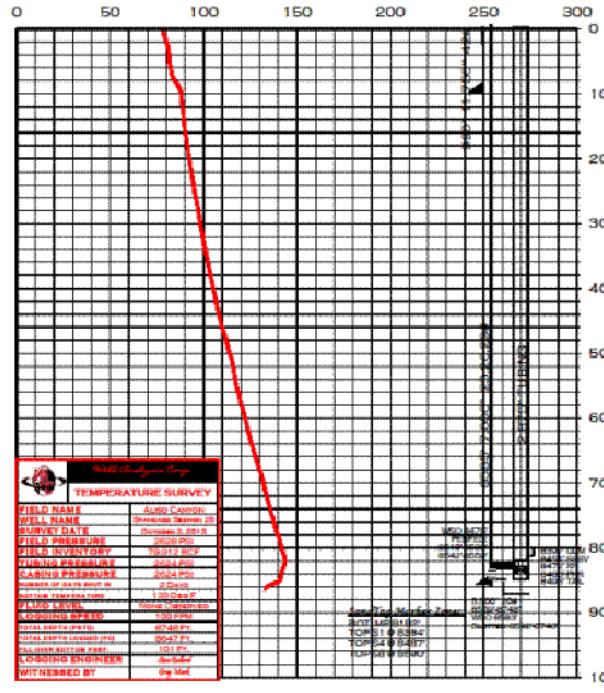


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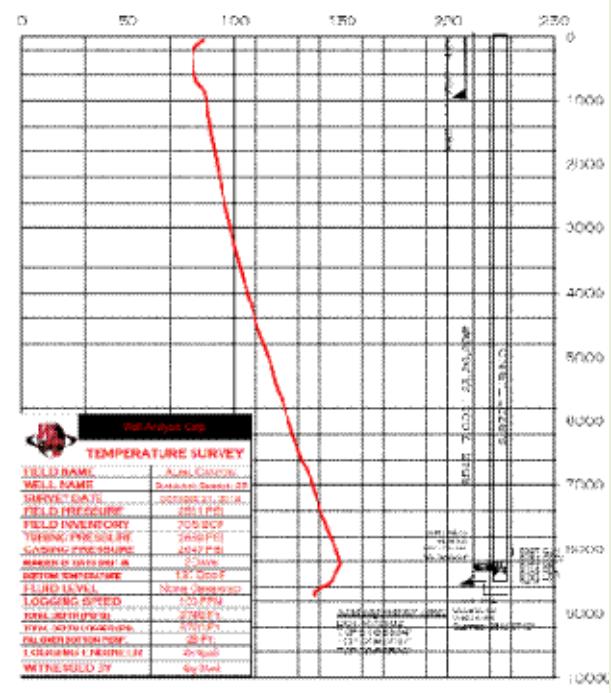
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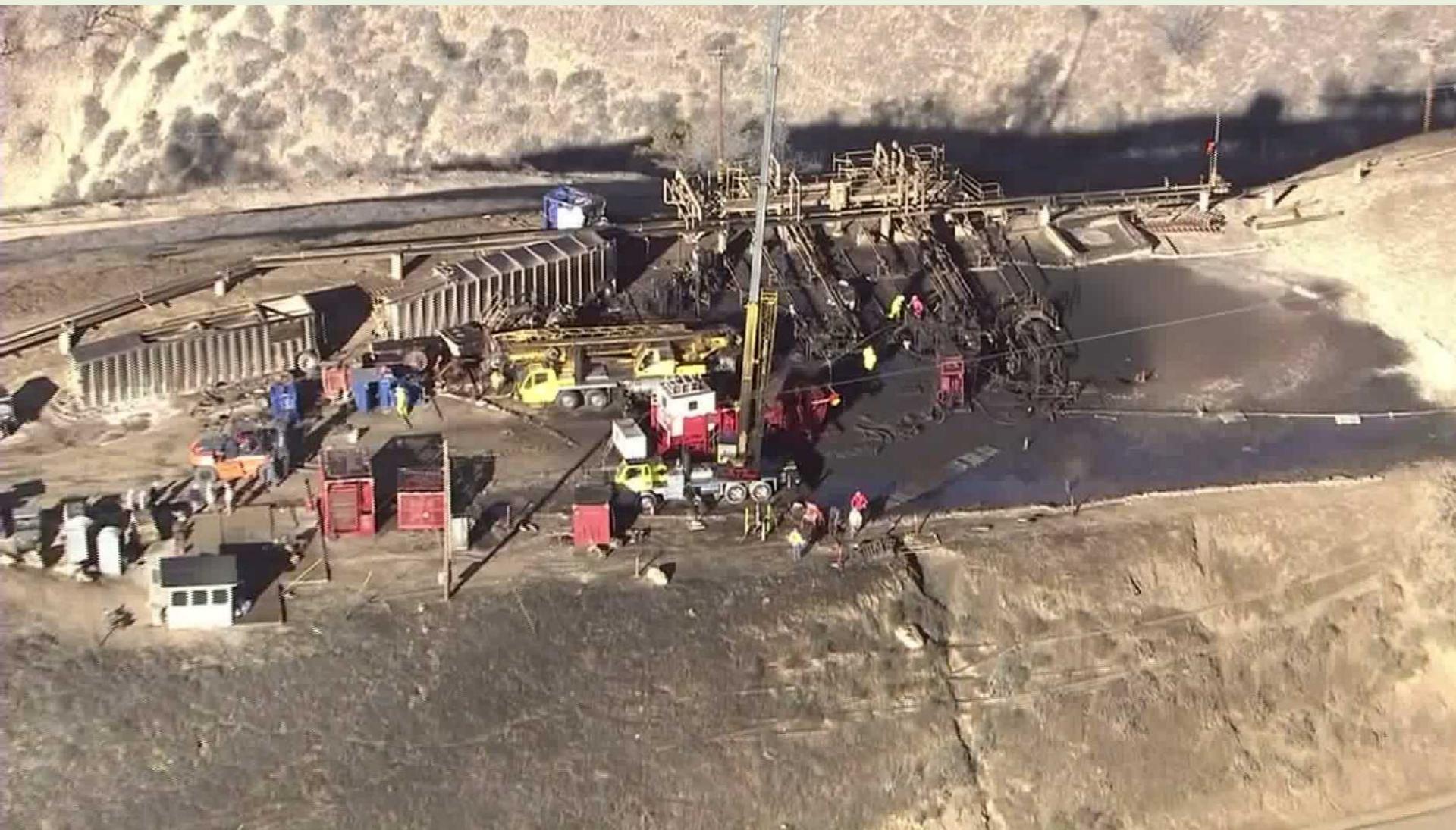
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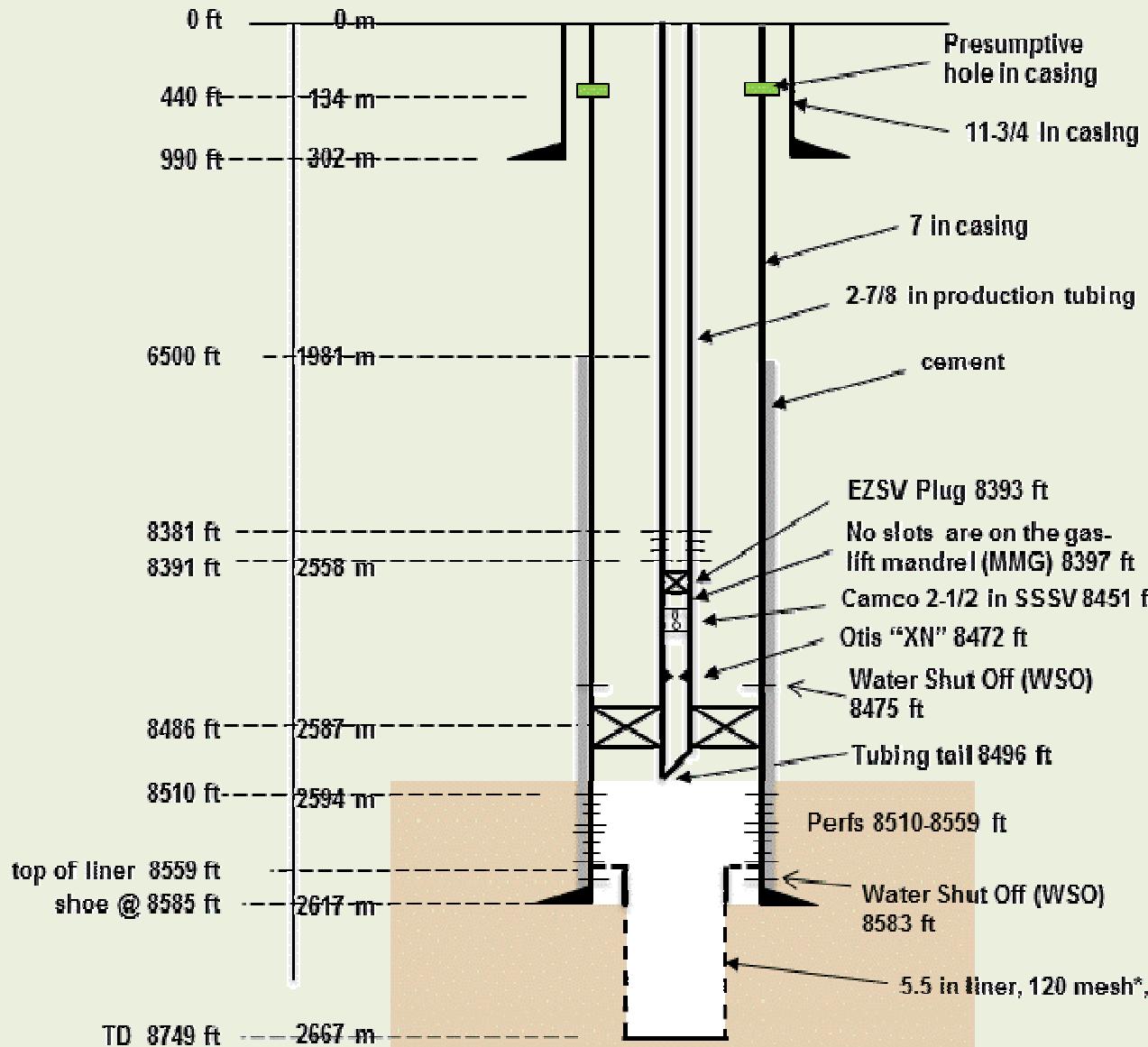
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<http://ktla.com/2016/02/18/socal-gas-porter-ranch-leaking-well-announcement/>

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

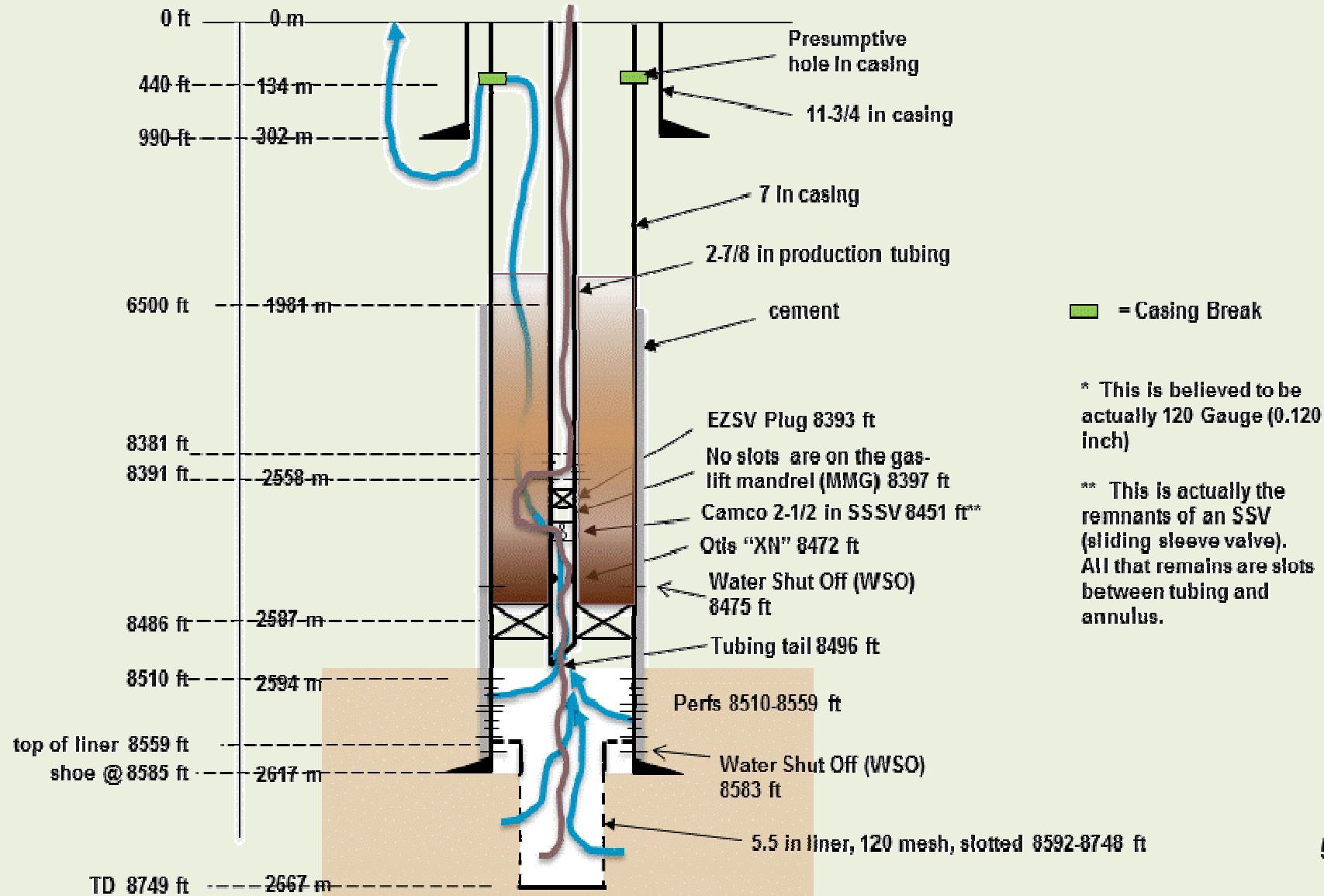


		Well Volume	Cu.Ft.	Bbl
Tubing	276	49		
Csg/Lnr	37	7		
Annulus	1469	262		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1782</b>	<b>318</b>		

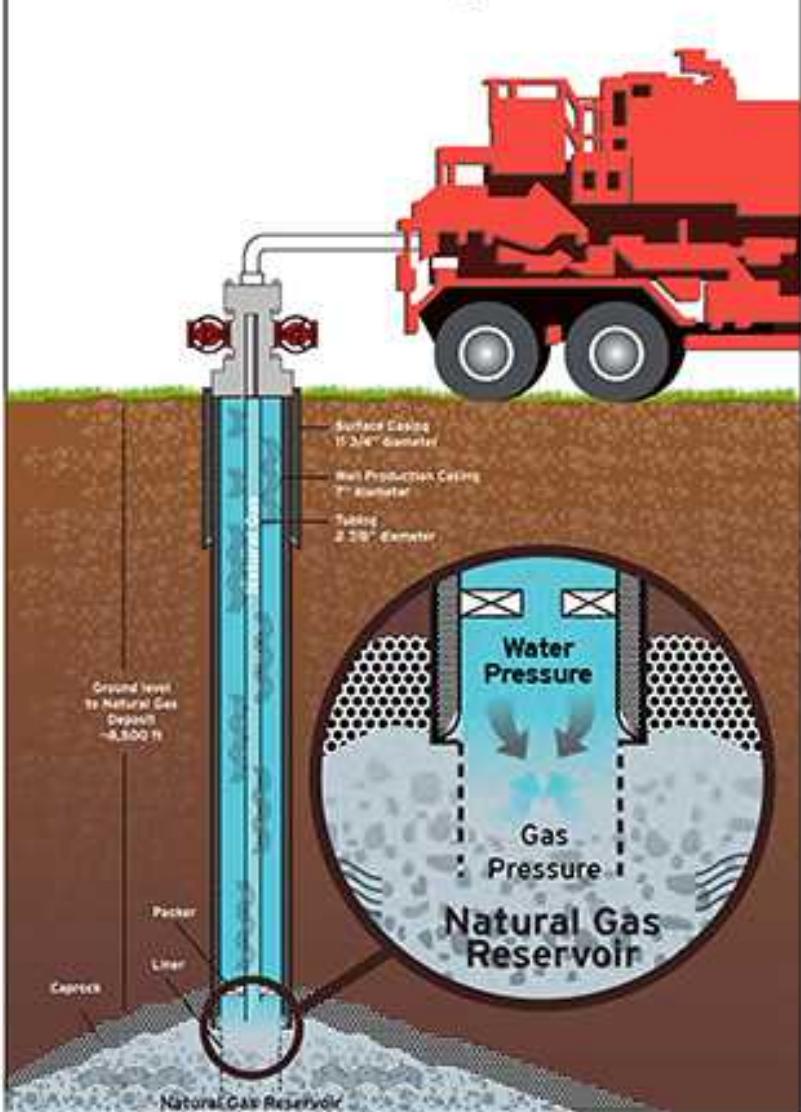
\* This is believed to be actually 120 Gauge (0.120 inch)

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

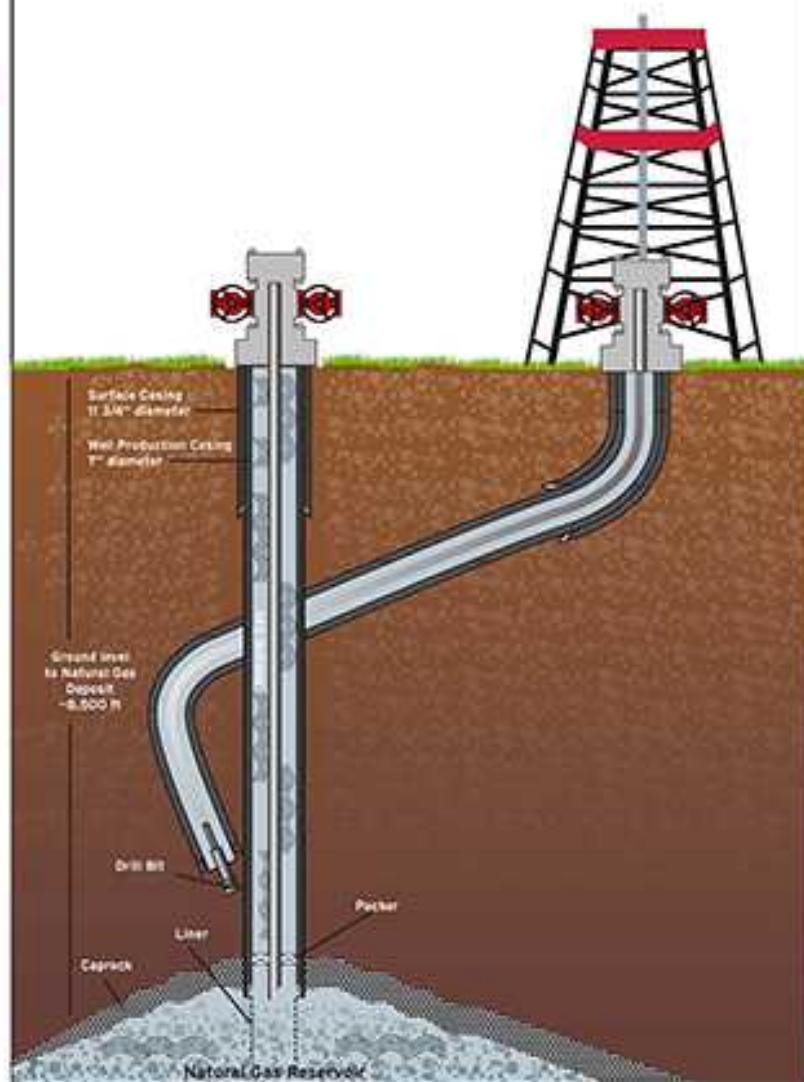
# For SS-25 top-kill, kill fluid (brown) has to build up in the casing and overcome gas (blue) flowing out of the SSV slots

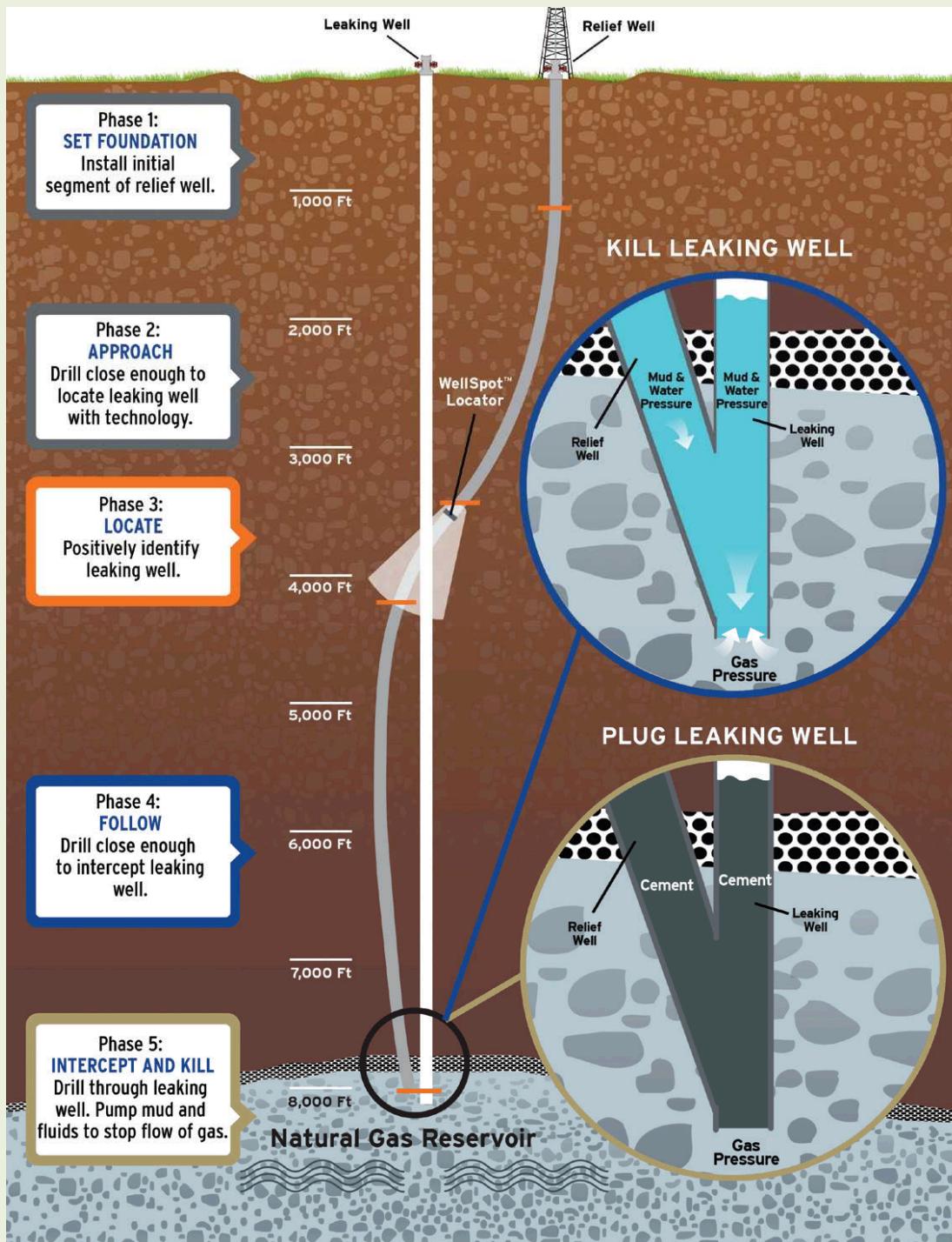


## Pumping Fluids Directly Into Leaking Well

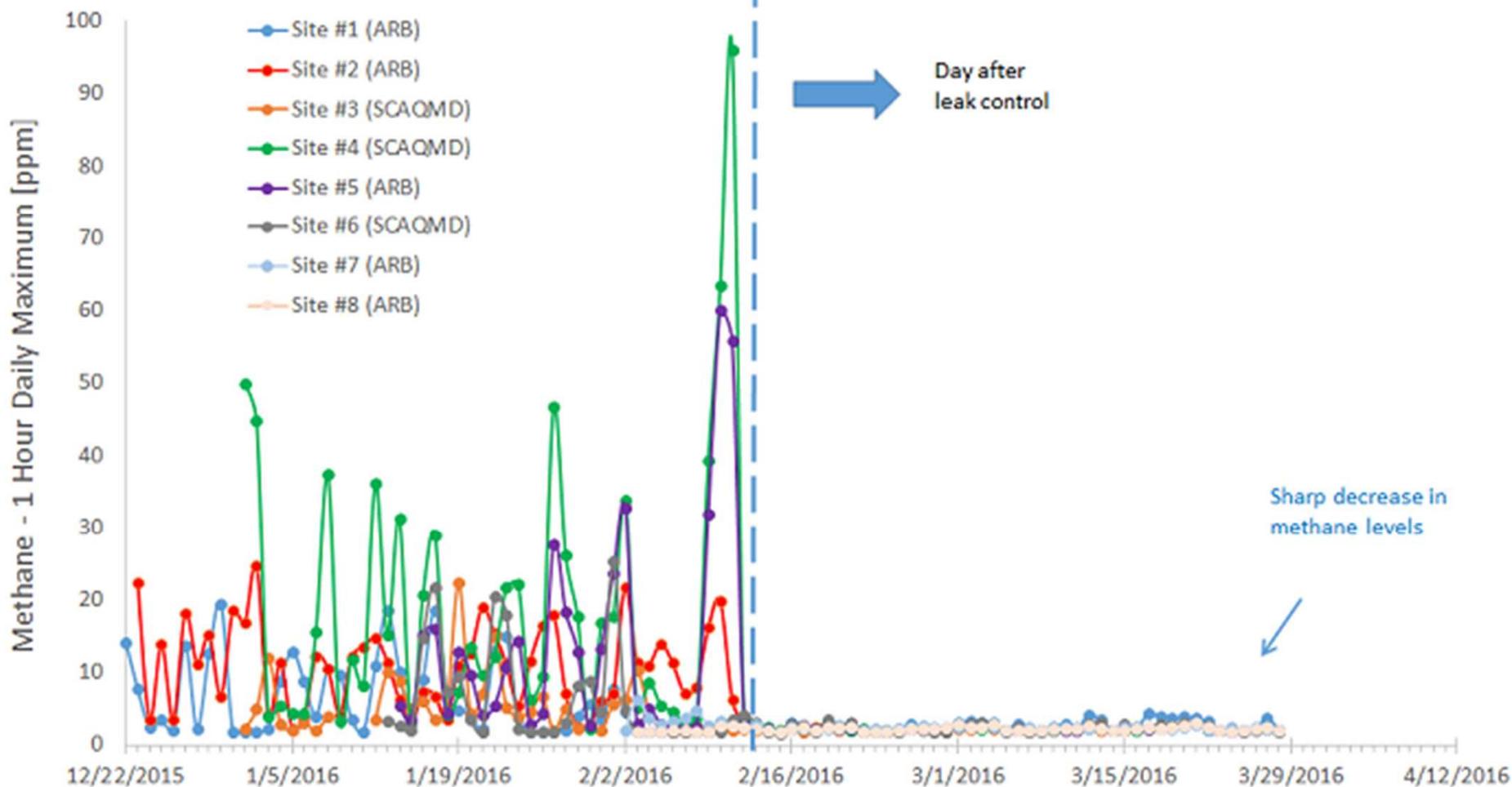


## Pumping Fluids Via Relief Well

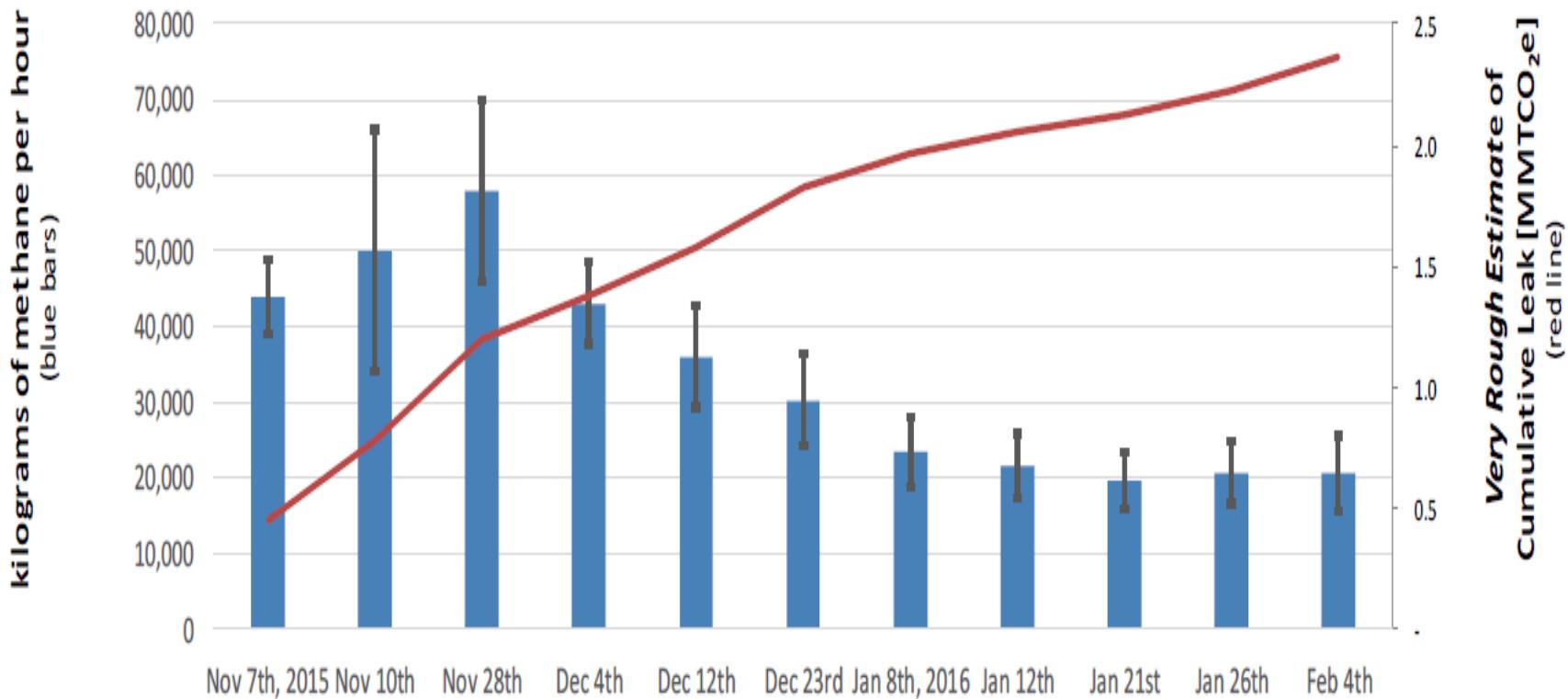




### Porter Ranch Community Methane Monitoring 1 Hour Daily Maximum



## Aliso Canyon - Initial Estimates of Leak



[http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/aldo\\_canyon/aldo\\_canyon\\_natural\\_gas\\_leak\\_updates-sa\\_flights\\_thru\\_April\\_5\\_2016.pdf](http://www.arb.ca.gov/research/aldo_canyon/aldo_canyon_natural_gas_leak_updates-sa_flights_thru_April_5_2016.pdf)

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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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