

Good evening, Arvin/Lamont CSC members,

CalGEM, the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (Valley Air District) would like to share the latest updates on the leaking wells identified during the Arvin/Lamont oil and gas joint well inspections that were conducted May 23 through 25. As a reminder, CalGEM, CARB, and the Valley Air District shared the results from these field inspections in the Arvin/Lamont region with you on May 31. This included results from inspections of 68 wells in the area that were located within 3,200 feet of the AB 617 community boundary. Of the 68 wells inspected, 27 were found to be leaking.

As of 5 p.m. on June 16, we are pleased to report that 26 of the 27 wells found leaking in the Arvin/Lamont community during the joint inspection effort have been repaired. All of the leaks were quickly repaired by their respective owners, with the exception of 11 wells identified by CalGEM, CARB, and the Valley Air District as being owned by the operator who is not making repairs. CalGEM engaged its contractor to repair these 11 wells. CalGEM's contractor has repaired ten of those 11 wells as of this date and is actively working to repair the remaining one leak, including conducting depressurization efforts. We would like to remind the community that the money to repair these 11 wells comes from industry fees, so taxpayer dollars have not been expended for this operator's failure to take responsibility for the leaks.

A new webpage dedicated to Methane Task Force Joint Inspection Efforts has also been created. The public can find on the webpage the full inspection summary, as well as the latest updates.

<https://www.conservation.ca.gov/calgem/Pages/Arvin-and-Lamont-Well-Inspections-.aspx>