

Dear Chancellor Gillman, Professor Brouwer, Dean Egerstedt, Chair Rangel and Senator Min,

Please stop the SoCal Gas proposal to use UCI students and faculty in a dangerous fossil fuel industry experiment. There is no excuse for allowing the gas industry and its apologists to put thousands of student and faculty lives at risk with this [proposal](#), which brings so much potential harm to student safety, health and a climate-safe future.

None of the high school seniors currently applying to UC Irvine has given their consent to be used in this experiment in the [Mesa Court](#) freshman dorms or other buildings on campus.

The SCG/UCI proposal ignores a mountain of research on the safety, health, climate, and environmental justice risks associated with burning hydrogen in buildings, as documented recently by the [American Medical Association](#), [Physicians for Social Responsibility](#), [Sierra Club](#), [NRDC](#) and [EarthJustice](#).

Despite these many concerns, SCG says in its application that there are no relevant safety concerns and there is no need for hearings to review the evidence. SCG says they will “collect data” on pipeline integrity, leakage and safety during the experiment, but nothing in the application or in reality guarantees that UCI students will be safe from explosions or leaks of poisonous gasses in their dorms.

This is especially troubling considering SCG's long track record of safety violations and opposing climate policy. In 2015, SCG was responsible for the [largest methane gas leak in U.S. history](#), which dumped 100,000 tons of toxic chemicals into the air north of Los Angeles for months, forcing more than 8,000 families to flee their homes. Last year, they paid [\\$1.8 billion to settle with thousands of residents sickened](#) by the blowout. Why would you trust this company with our lives?

Please stop this dangerous experiment now before anyone else is hurt or any more time and money is wasted on this gas industry scam.

Thank you.