Calif. orders inspections at all gas wells

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SAN BRUNO — State regulators, alarmed by a non-stop leak of a gas well in Southern California, have issued emergency regulations and orders for inspections of all gas wells in California, including those owned by PG&E, which said Sunday that it is in compliance with most of the new rules.

The inspections will include wells in three gas storage centers owned and operated by PG&E, all in Northern California.

"These regulations are in effect immediately and require all gas storage companies to complete enhanced inspections and testing at every gas well in California," said Ken Harris, state oil and gas supervisor with the California Department of Conservation.

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