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On Friday, May 1st, 2009 a group of Middle School Students (My Daughter Included), were taken on a hike through Sage Ranch Park after researching LAMountains.com - a service brought to you by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC). On this website there was no mention of any Chemical or Nuclear Cleanup that is currently underway both on and offsite of the adjacent Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) nor did it mention the Sage Ranch Park Northern Drainage Cleanup in progress. Thus was stumbled upon by the school after 30 minutes into their hike when they came across signs from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) warning of Hazards. These signs were not posted at trailheads, not allowing these patrons and others, their rightful option.

If I am not around to protect my daughter from Cancer Causing Toxins, I rely on friends and family, in this case her teachers. If posted warning signs were visible both onsite and online, the decisions that were made last week would have been reconsidered.

This also comes at a time when the Advanced Propulsion Test Facility (APTF) is under demolition. This is a facility that is insulated with Asbestos and over the years stored and used Hydrazine and Trichloroethylene (TCE). The APTF is located in AREA I of the SSFL, very close proximity or exposure pathway to Sage Ranch Park.

Many of the children were eating oranges from the trees at Sage Ranch Park. ACME is

concerned about TCE and other Aerospace toxins that could be drawn into the plant-life. From a recent DTSC presentation, the SSFL Trichloroethylene Plume has migrated offsite onto Sage Ranch Park. Trichloroethylene (TCE) has many damaging properties to humans including Cancer. This is not to mention the alarming evidence of Benzo[a]pyrene, recently found in the Northern Drainage Cleanup of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in similar elevated levels. C₂₀H₁₂, (Benzo (a) pyrene) is a five-ring polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon that is mutagenic and highly carcinogenic. Benzo[a]pyrene was determined in 1933 to be the first recognized occupation-associated Cancers.

Since the SMMC purchased the Sage Ranch property we have seen several negligent decisions made by your organization, such as your knowledge of the contamination found in the 1993 McLaren-Hart Study...

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...yet the warnings of these dangers were never posted until the 2008 Imminent Substantial Endangerment Order (ISEO) that was brought forth by ACME and CleanUpRocketyne.org...

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We request the SMMC website indicate the current chemical and radiological characterization and cleanup that is currently ongoing and the park should be closed during the Scheduled Demolition of Buildings so inhalation hazards can be avoided.

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