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(Via U.S. Mail and E-mail)

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ACME (Aerospace Cancer Museum of Education) would like to thank the Ventura County Board of Supervisors (VCBOS) for their continued efforts in the proper cleanup of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL). ACME feels it is important consideration is given with your attention to issues related to the long awaited cleanup.

We are concerned about any reason the Responsible Parties (RP) might use to block progress with oversight agencies such as the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB) to further delay scheduled cleanup activities that the community have been waiting for, in some cases, for over 30 years. You may recall the last two LARWQCB meetings came under scrutiny when an Attorney for the RP claimed that the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) was holding up their progress. In a similar action the RP claim that they have been waiting for permits through Ventura County for their Groundwater Treatment System, a system that has been offline and awaiting permits since 2001.

We must emphasize the scheduling importance of a proper cleanup.

In recent actions we have seen an inability to work cooperatively amongst the agencies responsible for making sure this is done right. We are looking for collaborative and forward moving efforts and ask that you seriously consider both the Ministerial and Discretionary processes to make sure that the mechanisms exist to ensure that our long awaited cleanup is achieved to Senate Bill 990 Standards as each area of cleanup varies.

We ask that you consider the review policy on these permits and what type of delays we might anticipate as soil removal through DTSC Oversight moves productively through the Ventura County System.

Anticipating an "El Nino" this rainy season we ask that you consider our concerns that a delay of the current source removal actions will have potential health related impacts through LARWQCB National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permitted Outfall 009 to the American Jewish University's Brandeis-Bardin Campus and Outfall 008 into the Los Angeles River. Currently all trucks leaving the SSFL do so through Los Angeles County, we ask that you collaborate with Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich to make sure everyone is on the same page.

ACME does not want to see the cleanup efforts that are currently underway be halted while waiting for the proper permits all the while contamination mobilizes and impacts the surrounding communities.

In closing we would like to thank you for your public support of Senate Bill 990 and your help in making this Bill, LAW and thank you for your continued efforts with these issues.

Sincerely,

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