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ACME (Aerospace Cancer Museum of Education) is writing you to express our opposition and concerns related to Assembly Bill No.102 - Smyth (AB102) regarding the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL).

The introduction of AB102 is completely premature, as we do not want actions for monuments to dismiss a total cleanup. During the February 10, 2009 Ventura County Board of Supervisors meeting, they failed to support AB102 in it's current form. In a letter from Cal EPA Secretary Linda S. Adams to U.S. EPA Administrator, Lisa Jackson on 2/24/2009 - See Link... http://acmela.org/images/Feb_2009_EPA_SSFL_Letter.pdf It States, "The 2,850-acre SSFL is Contaminated with Radioactive and Chemical Substances that Seriously Threaten Public Health and the Environment."

This bill could lessen the current Historic Cleanup that has been brought forth in Senate Bill 990 (Kuehl-Brownley) and place Environmentalists for Chemical and Radiological Cleanup against Environmentalists for parks and Dilute the Cleanup agenda. We do not want to see AB 102 prematurely turn Contaminated Land and the Liability for it over to the State and continue to risk the Health of the Surrounding Communities.

According to data prepared by MWH for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Boeing Co. (Who Co-Own the SSFL), almost 90% of the drainage from the SSFL enters Bell Canyon Creek, the headwaters to the Los Angeles River. With Multi-Billion Dollar plans for the revitalization of the L.A. River, Source removal has been the proven method for making this an area of lesser health impacts. From reading the hundreds of news articles over the past years and the 2006 U.C.L.A.

study, there have been more cases of Cancers in a 5-mile radius surrounding the SSFL than any other place in Los Angeles or Ventura Counties.

A major concern aside from Radiological, is Trichloroethylene (TCE). In past reports we have read there lay apx. 800,000 gallons in the groundwater aquifer of spent TCE from Rocket Engine Tests. The demolition of the Rocket Engine Test Stands and source removal cleanup and restoration is needed as the TCE underneath continue to release Cancerous Vapors. This is the only way we can secure a healthy future for the San Fernando and Simi Valley's. Click on the link below to see the TCE Fact Sheet prepared by NASA in regards to the SSFL...

http://acmela.org/images/NASA_TCE_use_SSFL.pdf

With the immune system damage and lymphoma risk that can occur from TCE exposure it is crucial that we remove all the remaining tests stands and the source contamination that lies beneath. In some cases the test stand concrete extends dozens of feet into the subsurface, removal is the only option in remediation. With the source of contamination still in place it will continue to impact the surrounding neighborhoods every time we have heavy rains.

NASA owns the AREA II portion of the SSFL, where the last remaining Test Stands reside. NASA has not, and cannot commit their property to Parkland as the protocol they have to endure is out of their say. NASA, as a federal agency must advertise the site with other government agencies, such as the Air Force or the Army Corps of Engineers to see if they have uses for their portions of the SSFL. If no other government agency has a use for AREA II of the SSFL or even the NASA LOX area (Located adjacent to the current Northern Drainage cleanup) then Parkland could be an option. Until NASA makes a commitment AB102 should be off the table. The Boeing Company on the other hand has to adhere to the land transfer as per Senate Bill 900.

Please place ACME on a contact list regarding every action and change of AB 102 as we do not want any loopholes to create more Cancers in an Already Impacted Community.

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