



Rick Brausch

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Legislative and Regulatory Policy Director/SSFL Project Director Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) (Via Electronic Mail)



Dear Mr. Brausch,

Please clarify some information that was brought to my attention, by you, during the September 2nd, 2010 Chemical Soil Background Technical Meeting regarding the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL). Aside from the fact a contractor had not been secured by the September 1st, 2010 deadline, you stated that moving forward will "Depend on the State's Budget Approval" this could delay the Chemical Soil Background study for months, or even years. Within 24 hours of your statement, DTSC issues a Press Release where "Agreements in Principle" have been reached with the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) that read...The end state of the site (SSFL Area II, LOX and AREA IV) after cleanup will be background. This holds true for DOE as they are already in the middle of a Stimulus funded Radiological Background Study and Historical Site Assessment, yet we have not agreed on "Background" for the chemicals NASA left behind from their operations at the SSFL. The majority of the NASA properties feed the Los Angeles River and with the recent decision from EPA regarding the true navigability of this waterway should concern the department.

For DTSC to receive monies to continue the Chemical Background Study, authorization through appropriation has to be completed. Can we work through a solution that doesn't require appropriations approval? Can a special case be made before the rainy season or another brushfire? We do not want these contaminants migrating to the surrounding communities through runoff or smoke inhalation.

The Boeing Co., is the majority landowner/operator, yet, they are not part of the recent agreements and we need to move forward in a productive way, and set a standard for them to follow within the guidelines of Senate Bill 990 agreed upon by NASA and DOE. Approaching this with no averaging, skipping risk assessment and going straight to background will save the taxpayers, perhaps billions of dollars and Ensure a Proper Cleanup of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in a more timely manner.

Sincerely,

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