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Dear Mr. Paulson,

Thank you in advance for consideration of the ACME comments on the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) Groundwater Interim Measures work plan. Aside from the 18 source areas of contamination identified in this document, off-site areas around the SSFL should also be considered in this work plan, as the extent of contamination is unknown. The surrounding community is grateful for the installation of additional wells in the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy area of Sage Ranch, sadly it identified a plume of contamination. The above referenced document states that Trichloroethylene (TCE) is the main concern at these 18 locations and at higher levels than the several other compounds found in the groundwater. This is a concern as the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power had to shut down 54 of 115 wells in the San Fernando Basin due to increased levels of TCE...

http://www.acmela.org/images/DWP_Nahai_to_EPA_Nastri_San_Fernando_Groundwater_March_7_of_2008.pdf

An understanding of the migration pathway of groundwater leaving the SSFL is needed to protect the Health and Safety of the residents below the site drinking blended groundwater. Understanding this pathway can identify other hot spots and action can be taken to reduce vapor intrusion in off-site residences and businesses.