

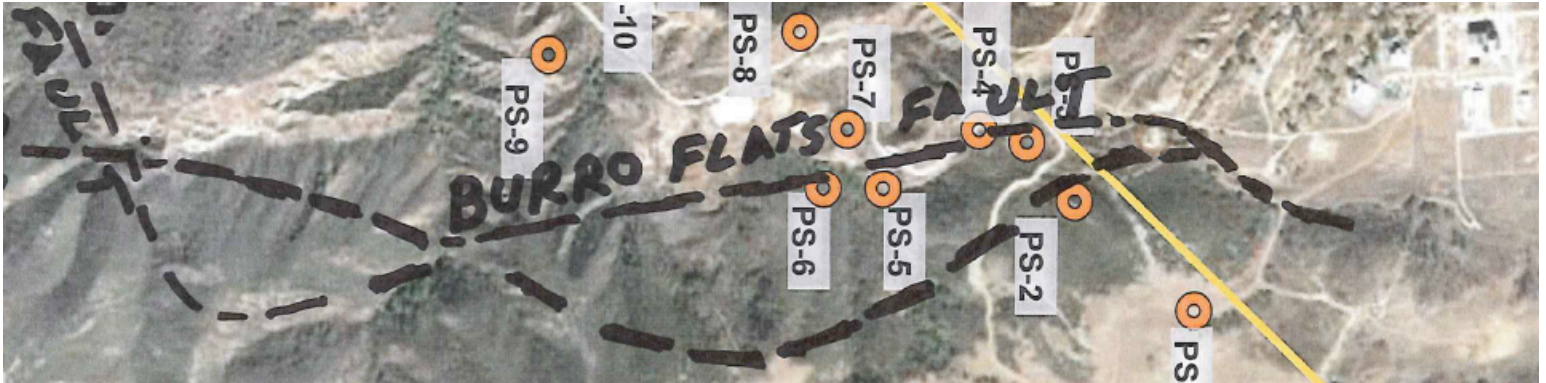
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## AEROSPACE CONTAMINATION MUSEUM OF EDUCATION

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ACME (Aerospace Contamination Museum of Education) has provided the below comments regarding the No Further Action (NFA) in the Runkle Canyon Investigation.

Dear Ms. La Duke,

It is a concern that many of the Community e-mails addressed to DTSC have been returned and never made it into the public record. DTSC needs to increase their mailbox intake to more than the current 10mb. Indicated in your February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 correspondence to ACME that "We've looked through our e-mail in-boxes and have been unable to locate an e-mail from you with questions regarding Runkle Canyon after the NOD for the NFA was issued. Can you please re-send the e-mail so we can provide you the information you are seeking?" Could there be other important e-mails that have never made it to your desktop?

The NFA decision on the Runkle Canyon Property came as a shock to many members of the community as we were all under the impression that more investigation was to be completed. Although DTSC looked for Radionuclides, a chemical investigation was ignored and could be a potential threat to human health.

The above figure depicts the Burro Flats Fault, which runs through the AREA IV Burn pit into Runkle Canyon to the West and through the SSFL into the Chatsworth Reservoir to the East. This could be a potential Dioxin pathway due to the combustion of waste that was destroyed on this site.



The above figure shows the 11 acre drainage from the SSFL into Runkle Canyon and it's close proximity to (5) the AREA IV Burn Pit which could have a potential of contaminated groundwater via seeps and springs into this drainage causing additional off-site problems in the Runkle area.

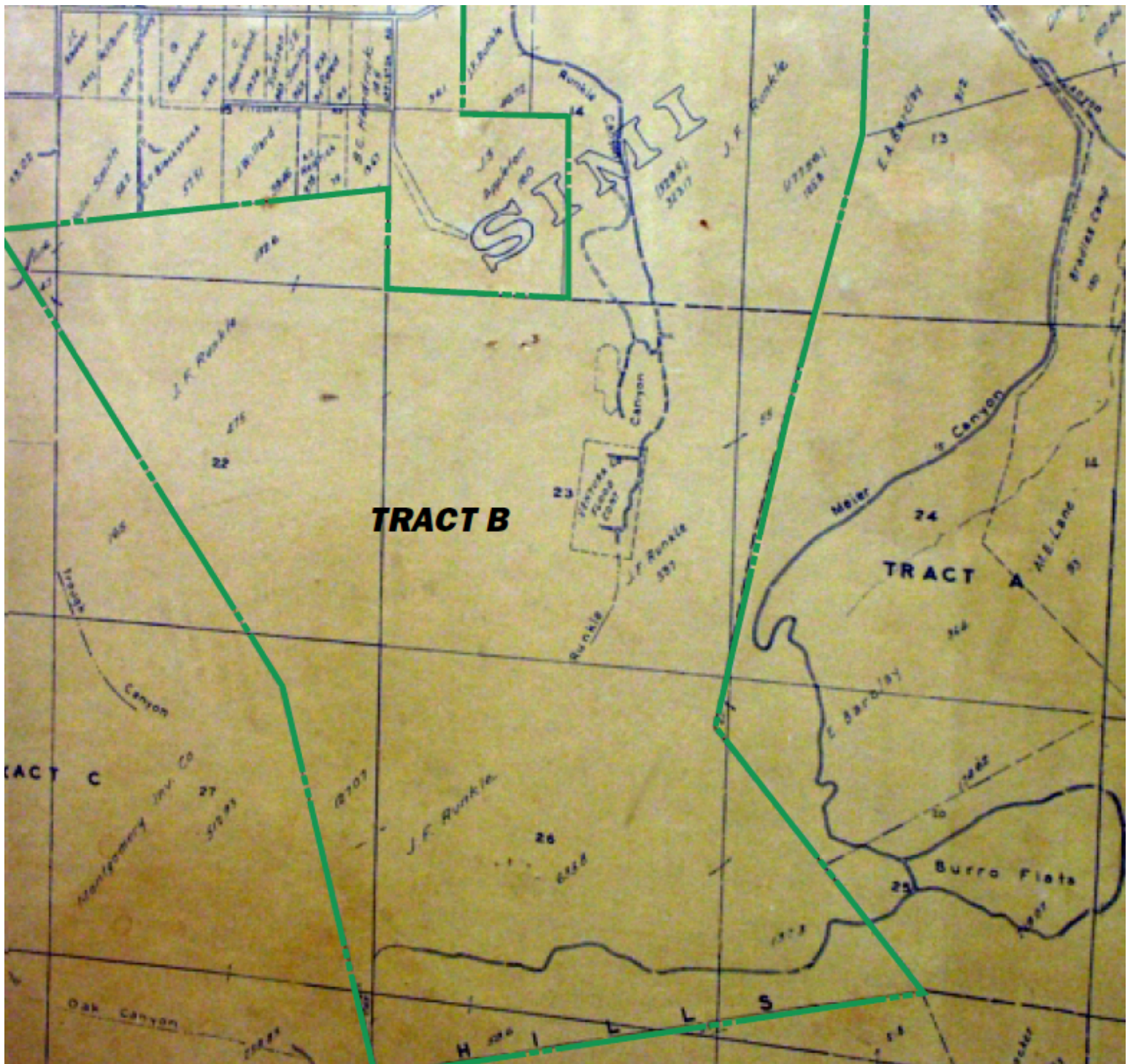
In the Link Below you will find the 2007 Offsite Data Evaluation Report (SSFL) prepared for the Boeing Co., NASA and the DOE by MWH...

[http://www.dtsc-ssfl.com/files/lib\\_offsite\\_investig%5Creports%5Creports/Offsite%20Data%20Evaluation%20Report%20Final%20Text,%20Tables,%20Figures.pdf](http://www.dtsc-ssfl.com/files/lib_offsite_investig%5Creports%5Creports/Offsite%20Data%20Evaluation%20Report%20Final%20Text,%20Tables,%20Figures.pdf)

There was Trichloroethylene found in the above report in the Windmill Well on Runkle Canyon, further investigation is needed to ensure the community's health and safety.



In 2004, Tom Seckington (DTSC) presented his findings of Perchlorate in the soil of Runkle Canyon to the SSFL Workgroup. Boeing contractors just completed an offsite debris analysis and concluded there were several areas in the Runkle Canyon area, which need further investigation.



The above figure is a historical site map of the Runkle Canyon Area that illustrate, dead-end roads from the SSFL into Runkle and an area marked Ventura Flood Control. These two areas need to be investigated further as many dumpsites and aerospace debris have been found at the end of roads. The Ventura Flood Control area should be investigated as this is a water collection area and the soil and sediment could have contamination potential. The NFA needs to be lifted until a chemical investigation is completed and the new radiological investigation play more attention in duplicating the sampling location of the Foster Wheeler investigation so we can truly see their results confirmed or disputed.

## Conclusions and Recommendations

Based on the analytical results of the soil samples, it would appear that there may have been some impact of radionuclides to the site from the Rocketdyne facility. Consequently, a more extensive site investigation appears to be necessary to determine the lateral and vertical impact of radionuclides in the soil. In addition, based on the results of the potential on-site background sample (S3-0), the site investigation should include background sampling to determine naturally occurring conditions of the radionuclide constituents of concern at Runkle Ranch.

With previous results as the figure above, we need to investigate further and lift the NFA, looking for not only Radionuclide contamination, but chemical as well. With acreage slated for development next to a Nuclear and Rocket Research Facility, better investigation and decision-making needs to be at the top of the list.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to review and consider these comments in hopes of reconsideration of the NFA that would make way for a more thorough investigation to protect the people of Simi Valley and their future generations.

Sincerely,

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