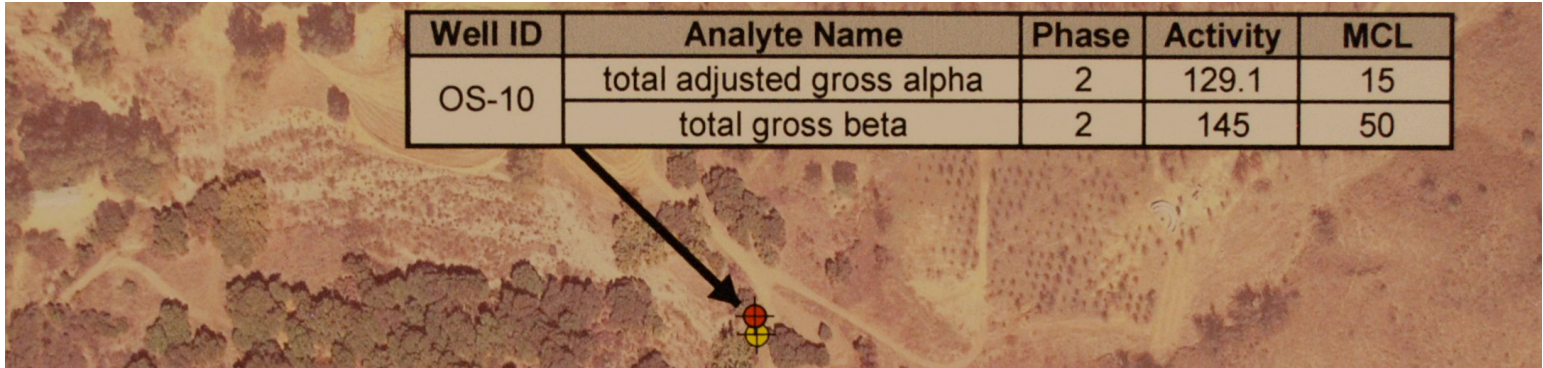


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### Meeting Followup—Time Urgent for Resolution of Issues

Dear Deputy Secretary Ingenito,

Thank you for meeting with us Friday in Sacramento. You were very gracious and generous with your time. We hope this is the beginning of a constructive relationship that can help overcome some of the significant difficulties that have arisen in the last months.

We reported back to the larger coalition of groups and individuals with whom we have worked for years and need to candidly let you know that people are increasingly furious about the situation and ready to take action, which will reflect poorly on the administration. We were unable to mollify their concerns since we essentially returned empty-handed from our meeting with you.

Regrettably, on none of the four key issues we raised—restoration of the Work Group, opposition to the illegal CAG, the pending decision to remove the only remaining DTSC official involved with creating the AOCs (Rick Brausch) as SSFL Project Director, and DTSC letting Boeing largely direct key decisions about the cleanup including selection of the state's EIR contractor - was there movement toward meeting the concerns of the great majority of the interested community.

We understand that you were not in a position Friday to make any commitments, and that you intend to meet with Debbie tomorrow to discuss the issues. We hope that discussion marks a turning point toward coming up with creative ways of avoiding a situation we all should try to avoid.

But you need to know that there is a widespread perception here that since the change in Administration, DTSC's regulation of SSFL has returned to the old days where Boeing's lobbyists such as Winston Hickox, Bob Hoffman, and Peter Weiner are calling the shots, at the expense of the public whose health is at risk.

We know you realize that our concerns have merit. You yourself acknowledged that the process of EIR contracts being handled by Boeing is problematic since Boeing has tried to "pull some fast ones" that had to be spotted and corrected by the agency. Secondly, you acknowledged that there has been a troubled history of DTSC and CAL EPA officials working closely with Boeing and other similar polluters and subsequently going to work for them.

The community views the reversal of longstanding positions by DTSC as a sign that the polluter is once again in charge, and, unless strong action is taken, the long-promised full cleanup will never happen. People here perceive the four matters we discussed as crossing a point of no return. You and DTSC can avoid this, but there is almost no time left.

It is imperative that we speak immediately to collaborate on how to fix this situation. We need to work closely together to find a resolution. We cannot afford to fly to Sacramento again, but would request that Director Raphael meet with us in Los Angeles this week and if you can't join her on the trip, have you participate by phone.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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