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SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP REJECTS NASA'S DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT [DEIS].

RECOMMENDS NASA AND CAL EPA'S DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL [DTSC] MODIFY CLEANUP AGREEMENT TO A LESS DESTRUCTIVE, MORE HEALTH-PROTECTIVE SOLUTION.

BELL CANYON, CALIFORNIA - SSFL Community Advisory Group [CAG] voted Wednesday night to reject Draft EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) by NASA, which proposes to limit actions to either an "all or nothing" action that either destroys the environment, or fails to clean up the site. The SSFL CAG further agreed to send a cover letter that includes substantive comments from its members who represent many perspectives from the surrounding communities, but agreed here, that the DEIS proposal went far beyond what is needed to protect human health, and proposes to destroy the existing environment and even potentially impacting the sacred Burro Flats Cave area and historic districts. The CAG had consensus that a modification is needed to the agreement outlining the cleanup requirements, and are proposing a "Modification in Principle" [MIP] as one example of how limited modifications can allow for a protective cleanup that considers health-risk, so that soil is not needlessly disturbed that does not present a risk to humans OR the environment, and further prevents potential impacts to the sacred cultural sites as well as honoring our nations history of Space Exploration.

Deadline for comments is October 1st to NASA at:

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