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FUNDING TO ACHIEVE CLEANUP BY 2017, AREA IV, SANTA SUSANA FIELD
LABORATORY, VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. Huizenga:

The purpose of this letter is to request your assistance in ensuring that the funding that the Department of Energy (DOE) makes available to DOE's Energy Technology Engineering Center (DOE-EETEC) for environmental remediation activities is maintained at a level sufficient for DOE-EETEC to accomplish all of the investigation, characterization, demolition and cleanup activities for Area IV of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) by 2017. As you know, this is the date DOE committed to in the agreements it entered into with the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), both in the 2010 Administrative Order on Consent (Docket No. HSA-CO 10/11-037)(AOC) and in the 2007 Consent Order (Docket No. P3-07/08-003)(2007 Consent Order). The AOC requires completion of soils cleanup by 2017; and the 2007 Consent Order requires DOE, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and The Boeing Company to install groundwater remedies by 2017.

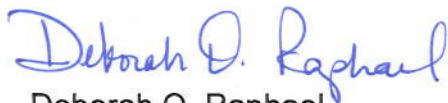
DTSC appreciates DOE-EETEC's efforts and the positive, cooperative working relationship that has been forged between DOE-EETEC staff and DTSC staff. In order to meet the 2017 date, DOE-EETEC must plan for and maintain an aggressive schedule for the investigation, characterization, demolition and cleanup activities that will comprise the cleanup. Although DOE-EETEC has acknowledged that an aggressive schedule needs to be maintained, it recently postponed site investigation activities due to reductions in funding allocated to DOE-EETEC. DTSC is concerned that this type of budget reduction, and the postponement of activities could prevent DOE-EETEC from maintaining its progress to meet the 2017 deadline.

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DTSC recently sent a letter to Mr. John Jones requiring DOE-EETEC to develop a comprehensive schedule that includes key milestones from characterization through cleanup completion. DTSC believes that a comprehensive schedule will allow both DOE-EETEC and DTSC to manage fiscal requirements, resources and personnel allocations more effectively, as well as facilitate DOE-EETEC meeting the 2017 deadline. This schedule, once approved, in accordance with the AOC, will be deemed incorporated into the AOC and fully enforceable. It is imperative for us to get the schedule in place as soon as possible. In the letter to Mr. Jones we requested that the schedule be provided no later than October 16, 2012. If for some reason the schedule cannot be provided by that date, we ask that Mr. Jones respond by letter with the date by which the requested schedule will be provided.

Thank you again for your commitment to fully supporting DOE's cleanup responsibilities and the commitments it has made at SSFL. If there is anything more I can do to assist in securing resources, or if you have questions regarding the contents of this letter, please contact me at (916) 322-0504 or via e-mail at Debbie.Raphael@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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