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Mr. Wayne Nastri  
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Re: Santa Susana Field Laboratory  
Ventura County

Dear Mr. Nastri:

On December 6, 2007, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) asked the State of California for the State's position on whether or not U.S. EPA should list the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) site on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). I write today on behalf of the State to inform you that that the State's position is that U.S. EPA should not list the site on the NPL. California has an unprecedented opportunity to achieve a comprehensive and expedited cleanup of the SSFL site. However, if the circumstances change, the State reserves the right to change this position at a later time.

During 2008, U.S. EPA granted the State's two requests for additional time to evaluate arguments for and against listing. We sincerely appreciate U.S. EPA's respect for our desire to thoroughly consider this matter. We have reached our decision after careful consideration of all factors that have been stated in letters and face-to-face discussions between our respective organizations.

A key factor for the State is implementation of Senate Bill 990 (Kuehl, Statutes of 2007, Chapter 729). SB 990 requires that this site be cleaned up to the strictest standards. With DTSC implementing SB 990 for both chemical and radiologic contamination, DTSC is in the best position to direct a comprehensive and protective cleanup and to ensure that the responsible parties meet their cleanup obligations by the earliest possible date. Another key factor is that members of the communities surrounding the SSFL support this decision.

We appreciate U.S. EPA's work on this site and coordination with the California Environmental Protection Agency and DTSC. We look forward to a continued partnership

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with U.S. EPA that results in action to protect the health and safety of the affected communities around the site. In particular, the State appreciates U.S. EPA's ongoing involvement in the development of a background data set for radionuclides, and we look forward to U.S. EPA completing the radiologic characterization of SSFL Area IV in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Energy as required by H. R. 2764.

The State will lend whatever assistance it can to assure that those investigative projects are completed in a thorough and timely manner. At the same time, the State renews its requests, outlined in my letter of January 15, 2008, for U.S. EPA's support in the area of radiological assessments. We appreciate the assistance U.S. EPA has provided to date.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please call me at (916) 324-9214.

Sincerely,



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