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## **Assemblywoman Brownley Praises CalEPA Secretary on Santa Susana Field Lab Clean Up**

SACRAMENTO—Fifty years ago, something went terribly wrong at the Santa Susana Field Lab in the Chatsworth Hills when one of the nuclear reactors experienced a partial core meltdown that spewed radiation into the air for two weeks. This was followed by decades of reckless dumping and spills of toxic chemicals and other hazardous materials that left the site highly contaminated. All of this was hidden from the public for decades. Even now, the state has struggled to get Boeing, the current site owner, along with polluters NASA and the Department of Energy who operated at the site, to step up to the plate and comply with current state cleanup law, Senate Bill 990.

“Secretary Linda Adams has been simply extraordinary in her resistance to the enormous pressures of these three defense-industry giants to obstruct, evade and circumvent SB 990 at every turn,” said Assemblywoman Julia Brownley, D-Santa Monica.

“Today, the Secretary announced that she will be personally involved in the negotiation of cleanup orders to insure that they are fully and unconditionally compliant with SB 990. She ordered that drafts of the documents that the state is negotiating with NASA and the DOE be released to the public for review and comment. And she did it early enough in the process so that the terms being sought by NASA and the DOE will not be kept secret, and so that comments from the public will be meaningful and before anything becomes final.”

“I cannot say enough about the courage and fortitude of Secretary Adams, and of the Administration, in standing up to the special interests to protect the public health and safety. We all owe Secretary Adams our strong and continuing support, and an enormous debt of gratitude.”