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NASA ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL SOIL CLEANUP AT SANTA SUSANA FIELD LAB

In 2008, to protect surface water quality the Regional Water Quality Control Board issued an order requiring soil cleanup at Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL). In 2009, NASA completed soil removal in two small areas on property NASA administers.

NASA is proceeding with soil removals in additional areas to remove soil contamination sources and prevent discharges to surface water of the chemicals of concern.

Soil removal in these additional areas – shown on the following page (Fig. 1) as polygons noted as AP/STP-1A, -1D and -1F – is near a former incinerator and related ash pile. Work will begin on Tuesday, October 5th, weather permitting, and is expected to take about three weeks. Soil removed as part of this cleanup will be disposed of at Waste Management's landfill in Lancaster, Calif.

Public observation is welcomed. Please request your visit at least three days prior to the date and we will try to accommodate you. Requests should be submitted to Merrilee Fellows at mfellows@nasa.gov or by calling her at (818) 393-0754. You may request any weekday for an hour, between the times of 9:30 to 11:30 and 1:30 to 3:30. Because most of this work will be around oak trees, we will be using large vacuum equipment, thus there will not be a lot of soil movement to observe.

You will be required to wear a hard hat, safety glasses, ear plugs, snake gaiters and a safety vest. Those will be supplied by us. You must wear long pants and closed-toed shoes. In addition to submitting your name and citizenship three days prior, you must bring your driver's license or the equivalent official identification to obtain approved entry at the site. Still photography is permitted.

This important soil removal action will help protect surface water quality by removing these chemicals from the soil. In addition, NASA has identified several other areas of soils that will be removed next year. In this way, NASA continues to meet its commitment to protect human health and the environment.

More information on these soil removal actions can be found at:
http://ssfl.msfc.nasa.gov/documents/factsheets/ISRA_Final_Nov_11_09.pdf
and
http://www.boeing.com/aboutus/environment/santa_susana/isra.html