

National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
Headquarters
Washington, DC 20546-0001



October 28, 2008

Reply to Attn of: Environmental Management Division

The Honorable Susan Bodine
Assistant Administrator
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response
Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Bodine:

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) holds 451.2 acres in two areas of the 2850 acre Santa Susana Field Laboratory ("Site") in Ventura County, California. We are actively involved in the cleanup of NASA's property. Consistent with NASA's objective to be a good steward of our properties, at Santa Susana we remain committed to the cleanup of the NASA property. In 2007, we entered into a Consent Order with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), The Boeing Company and the Department of Energy, and continue to pursue numerous efforts to ensure compliance with the requirements of that Order. More recently, we are becoming concerned that, with the involvement of various regulatory agencies (Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, DTSC, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)) and interested stakeholder groups and individuals, there does not appear to be a single agency able to resolve conflicting directions.

We understand that for a second time, the EPA has deferred its decision on whether to propose the Site for listing on the National Priorities List. We request that you reconsider and list the Site as soon as feasible.

Because of the complexities of ownership and responsibility at the Site, we also request that EPA assume its role as lead regulatory agency within the CERCLA process. In that role we look forward to EPA ensuring all Applicable Relevant and Appropriate Requirements are considered in setting remediation goals and remedies and stakeholder comments are built into the process while preserving our responsibilities for implementing cleanup on the federal property.

NASA remains committed to meeting its responsibility to cleaning up our property to protect the health and environment of our neighbors and any prospective users of the site.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-358-0230.

Sincerely,

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James S. Leatherwood
Director
Environmental Management Division

cc:

HQ/ERP/Mr. Bellinger
HQ/Office of the General Counsel/Mr. Batkin
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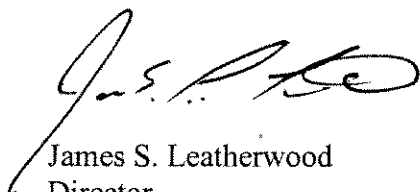
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