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**Subject:** RE: SSFL: Request to Voluntarily Postpone Excavations Scheduled for April 19, 2010 at ELV

Ms. Owens,

We received your email (attached below). Based on your request, NASA will postpone cleanup actions being taken as part of the Interim Source Removal Action at the ELV scheduled to begin Monday, April 19.

As noted in your email, we agree that the planned disposal facilities are certified and permitted to accept the waste. As you requested we will contact DTSC.

We look forward to our continued cooperative efforts to move forward the important cleanup at this site.

Allen Elliott

-----Original Message-----

From: Cassandra Owens [<mailto:cowens@waterboards.ca.gov>]  
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2010 8:51 AM  
To: lori.n.blair@boeing.com; Thomas.D.Gallacher@boeing.com; Fellows, Merrilee (HQ-LD000); Slaten, Steven W. (HQ-RC000); Tracy Egoscue  
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Mr. Gallacher,

The Regional Board received your letter dated April 7, 2010, informing staff of your intent to begin excavation activities to remove the contaminated soils from the ELV area. As per the waste profiles a portion of the waste, that waste characterized as non-hazardous, was to be sent to Beatty Nevada. The soil which had cesium-137 concentrations that were elevated relative to a preliminary determination of local background levels was scheduled to be sent to Grandview, Idaho. The information provided to the Regional Board indicates that the disposal facilities have the waste profiles and that the facilities certified that they are permitted to accept the waste.

Issues have been raised by interested parties, that question the transportation and disposal decisions reflected in the schedule. Therefore, the Regional Board requests that NASA (the property owner) and Boeing (the permittee) voluntarily postpone the initiation of the Interim Source Removal Action (ISRA) excavation activities within the ELV area and work with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to resolve the transportation and disposal issues prior to initiating the work.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

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