



CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

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March 4, 2013

Ms. Debbie Raphael, Director
Department of Toxic Substances Control
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Raphael:

On behalf of the residents of Simi Valley, the Simi Valley City Council wishes to reaffirm its position with respect to the cleanup of radiological and chemical contamination at the Santa Susana Field Lab (SSFL). The City Council has long been on record that the public health and welfare is best served by remediation of the site to no less than background levels.

The City's main concern regarding the SSFL has been, and continues to be, that the site, and surrounding areas that may have been contaminated by SSFL activities, be remediated to a level that would ensure the health and safety of our current and future residents. Cleanup of the site should be achieved to a level that would accommodate the possibility of public use in the future. The City of Simi Valley respectfully requests that the DTSC continue to assure that remediation of SSFL proceed in a manner that will effectively protect the environment and the health and safety of the adjacent communities into the foreseeable future.

The Simi Valley City Council supported the passage of Senate Bill 990 in 2007, and members of our City Council met with members of Congress to push for an independent, transparent, and expeditious cleanup to a level that would ensure the health and safety of our current and future residents.

Recent events, including the lack of a contract extension for certain EPA activities related to site clean-up assessments, the NASA Office of Inspector General audit questioning the level of cleanup to which the agency has committed in its Administrative Order of Consent, and the pending legal challenge to SB 990, present risks to assuring the SSFL site is remediated to standards most protective of public health. Further NASA has declared its land as excess Federal property, setting in motion the first steps toward its disposition to new ownership.

For these reasons, the Simi Valley City Council is again going on record to state its support of the cleanup standards envisioned in SB 990 and agreed upon in the AOC's on record with your agency. Additionally, by copy of the letter, the City Council calls on the U.S. General

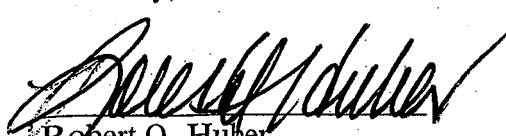
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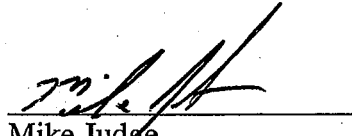
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Services Administration to delay any transfer of the NASA property until the site has been cleaned to these standards. We appreciate DTSC's long standing commitment to the site's cleanup and for the lead role your agency has and continues to play in this vitally important community health matter.

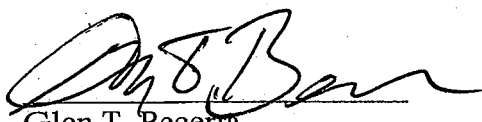
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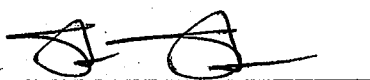
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Mayor



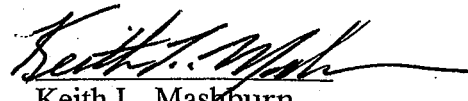
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