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The Honorable Barbara Lee  
Director  
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Dear Director Lee:

I write to comment on the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the clean-up of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL).

As you know, the SSFL is located along the Los Angeles/Ventura County border. Initially far from population centers, SSFL was the site of rocket engine testing and nuclear experimentation. It is undisputed that toxic chemicals were used, spilled, and negligently dumped at SSFL. Additionally, in the early 1950s, an uncontained sodium reactor at the SSFL experienced a partial nuclear meltdown.

A full clean-up of the SSFL is of critical importance to me, as well as to my constituents. The 2007 Consent Order for Corrective Action and 2010 Administrative Orders on Consent (AOC) were entered into with the State of California to ensure a full clean-up is performed by the responsible parties. It is my expectation that the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will not only live up to their responsibilities under these agreements, but that no alternatives or exemptions inconsistent with the AOC will be permitted. Further, it is my expectation that a full clean-up will be completed by Boeing Corporation.

It is imperative that DTSC gets this right so that we eliminate the significant health and safety risks for people who will continue to live nearby, and those who will be using the site in future years. We must ensure all three responsible parties complete a full clean-up, so that no radioactive or chemical contamination remains in place.

Please ensure that these comments be entered into the public record.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress