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Subject: Draft EIS comments
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To Whom it May Concern,

Attached please find a comment letter on the Draft EIS for the NASA parcel SSFL clean-up from Los Angeles City Councilmember Mitchell Englander.

Kind regards,

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBER, TWELFTH DISTRICT

August 27, 2013

Allen Elliott,
SSFL Program Director,
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MSFC AS01, Building 4494,
Huntsville, AL 35812

**RE: DRAFT EIS FOR REMEDIATION OF GROUNDWATER AND SOIL ON THE NASA-
ADMINISTERED PROPERTY AT THE SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY**

Dear Mr. Elliott, *Allen*

As the Los Angeles City Councilmember representing the Twelfth Council District, I represent the West Hills and Chatsworth communities that will be most affected by the truck traffic associated with the proposed clean-up.

While I have long advocated for the full clean-up of the site and the Agreements on Consent between NASA and the DTSC, I feel compelled to express my extreme disappointment at the lack of consideration for other methods of soil and demolition debris removal from the site.

The transportation proposal involves 142 truck trips per day for a three-year period. Assuming a 260-day work year, this equates to 36,920 trips per year and nearly 111,000 over the three-year life of the project. These trucks are expected to have vehicle weights of up to 80,000 pounds and will traverse some of the most high-traffic arteries in the area, including Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Roscoe Boulevard, Valley Circle Boulevard and Plummer Street.

The proposed routes are shared by many schools in proximity to the site, and therefore pose additional vehicle emission exposure risk to children who walk or bike to school.

The City of Los Angeles has proposed a \$3 Billion infrastructure improvement project to repair 8,700 miles of failed streets within a ten-year period. Much of this damage to City streets has been caused by the very type of heavy vehicle traffic proposed for this clean-up. The wear and tear to City streets is expected to add to this deterioration and pushing the cost of that repair onto the City taxpayer is unacceptable.

I feel compelled to add that it is quite unbelievable that some other option for conveyance of the contaminated material from the site was not studied – other than the truck routes proposed. By your own evaluation, the impacts are significant, negative, regional and long-term. This does not even take into account the concurrent work that will be done on the other SSFL parcels that will result in an unbearable cumulative impact for the area.



The traffic, environmental impacts and deterioration of City of Los Angeles infrastructure compel another look at alternatives – including some type of conveyance from the site directly to rail. I believe that most residents would prefer this option – even if it lengthens the time-period for the clean-up past the 2017 date.

I appreciate your attention to these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Englander", written in a cursive style.

MITCHELL ENGLANDER,
Los Angeles City Council President Pro Tempore
Councilmember, Twelfth District