

Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Issued by NASA For Area II and Part of Area I of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL)

The boxes checked below are items that I am concerned with related to the NASA cleanup at the SSFL; the DEIS has not provided enough information to be a decision making document.



Providing only two alternatives, clean up to background or no cleanup is not appropriate, other alternatives need to be presented such as a clean up to suburban residential or recreation standard.



The DEIS is flawed since the level of cleanup is not balanced against costs, cultural impacts, and environmental impacts, required by NEPA and CEQA.



Protection needs to be established before the cleanup for archaeological sites, such as the Burro Flats site VEN-1072 and any other archaeological sites on the property.



Protection needs to be established before the cleanup for structures such as Alpha, Bravo, and Coca rocket test stands and their related structures, eligible for protection as historic structures and districts.



Moving contaminated soil, and only replacing 1/3 of the removed soil is bad for the community that will receive the water runoff and bear the burdens of 80,000 trips carrying contaminated and new soil over two years, just from the 450 acre NASA site.



Alternative clean up methods to clean up soil on site, even if recovery in 10 years occurs, needs to be considered due to reduced environmental impacts in neighboring community.



The 2017 deadline is an artificial one not based on science, but creates an "emergency" type pressure that seems to be causing creation of environmental decision documents prior to completion of studies or input from the California Department of Toxic Substances (DTSC) that needs to interpret vague language that controls many sensitive decisions about historic properties. Adequate studies and interpretations must be provided to have a valid decision making document.



Pressure to complete the cleanup to meet the 2010 Administrative Orders on Consent (AOC) deadline by 2017 may cause illegal destruction of historic and archaeological resources on the property. Removal of key cultural resources likely will significantly decrease interest in the property from state and federal park agencies, generally identified as the likely optimum long term holder of the property.



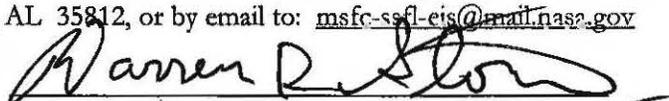
The long term use of the property needs to be considered in the cleanup approach, and the 2017 AOC deadline may need to be extended to prepare adequate foundation for the cleanup.



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