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**Dear SSFL Director:**

**As a member of the West Hills Neighborhood Council, I have attended many sessions on the contamination at Santa Susana Field Lab. I attended the Groundwater University Sessions, professionally prepared by Boeing, the PPG, the DTSC, etc. and I have been a member of the Environmental and Public Health and Safety Committees of the West Hills Neighborhood Council. I am writing as a stakeholder in the community and as a voter. Something has arisen that causes great concern to my community of West Hills.**

**It has become apparent that NASA wants trucks loaded with hazardous (radioactive and poisonous) and non-hazardous soil sent out without notification and/or compensation to the City of Los Angeles and of the West Hills Community. My husband, Edward P. Young, one of the City Commissioners, remembers when he was President of the West Hills Property Owners Association that he was informed, in 1998, that trucks would be sent by North American- Rockwell (now Boeing) through the West Hills Community and WHPOA requested for the route and remediation of streets used as a condition of removal. I believe Topanga Canyon Blvd., Valley Circle and Roscoe are not rated for the weight of dump trucks. Were these problems investigated? Were streets restored?**

**An email sent by Kamara Sams, from Boeing, shows that in 2009, 690 trucks were sent through our community. To date, a schedule has not been released with truck passage and container contents for 2010 and the previous ten years. How many truckloads total have been sent down Valley Circle to Roscoe, and through the West Hills area? What risk will the sending of new trucks cause our West Hills stakeholders/constituents?**

**My concerns are:**

**1. Transparency--when is West Hills to be notified that waste is being driven through its streets? Hopefully before, not after. We want a schedule to be negotiated with stakeholders.**

- evaluation?*
2. Cost--both due to constant wear on city streets and in case of necessary clean up. We want repair of street damage.
  3. City of LA license procedures. Establishment of a fund for cleanup if necessary and for resurfacing streets. When a spill or accident happens on L.A. City streets. Who pays?
  4. Health/Safety to the West Hills Community--both vapor and spill possibilities may occur. What plans exist for treatment?
  5. Establishment of Risk to my community. Vapors, accidents, possible spills?

The waste material that has accumulated on the Santa Susana Hill was not collected in LA. It was created in Ventura County and they should bear the constant wear on streets plus the possibility of accidental exposure to their community.

- 1. Why are trucks being taken through West Hills at all? Can NASA be directed to stop all trucks being driven through West Hills?
- 2. If no other way can be taken, could a directive be made that NASA reimburse the community for wear on the roads? I know that potholes on Roscoe have been recently filled at cost to the City of LA. Department of Transportation. Can an insurance fund be created to pay damages or then transferred to street costs?
- 3. Local schools, senior facilities, and hospitals should be notified of the time that these trucks will impact our traffic, so they may adapt to the NASA schedule. I would like a specific and current schedule linked by NASA to the West Hills NC website. Better yet, could NASA create its schedule based on those of the local schools, senior facilities, and hospitals?
- 4. If the City does license this transfer, I would like a fund created that allows for possible clean-up in case of accident and for street improvement if it becomes necessary.
- 5. I would like an investigation of the possible risk to public health created by the transportation of radioactive and/or contaminated soil by NASA. What gases/hazardous vapors are possibly being released in West Hills? What is the risk in terms of traffic created?
- 6. What traffic studies have been created?
- 7. I would like the City of LA or the WHNC to investigate the emergency plan NASA has used to instruct drivers. Is it adequate? How are drivers to address a spill or an accident? Who has liability? How does that impact LA or West Hills? Let's decide now. Do the facilities have the funds for clean-up exist?
- 8. Has West Hills Hospital been informed of the possibility of this problem? It could create a massive treatment problem for them.

I would appreciate investigation and evaluation of these issues. Please answer my letter. I feel you may be creating a current risk and cost to our West Hills community. I would suggest a fee to deter further use of LA City streets.

**Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.**

**Sincerely,**

*Jacqueline C. Young*  
**Jacqueline C. Young, Board Member, WHNC**

**CC: City Councilpersons 1-15, Mayor, DOT, Daily News--Editor**