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Statement from Assemblymember Brownley On Release of Final SSFL Cleanup Agreement between DTSC and Department of Energy

"Just over 50 years ago, something very bad happened in the Chatsworth Hills in the northwest corner of the San Fernando Valley. Then located in the middle of nowhere, the Santa Susana Field Laboratory was doing rocket engine testing, which generated both chemical and nuclear contamination of the site. One of these incidents was a partial meltdown of a nuclear reactor that has been compared with the Three Mile Island catastrophe. And may have been worse.

"I am very pleased to learn that there is now final legal language for an enforceable cleanup agreement between the state and the DOE, one of the site operators, although I am deeply disappointed that the DOE is demanding that it be circulated for yet another round of public comments on the legal details. With more than 99% of the 1,700 comments submitted in support of the initial Agreements in Principle, the last thing the community should have to endure after 50 years is a single additional day of delay. The DOE has promised that they are prepared to put pen to paper by December 6. I hope so. The public has waited far too long already."

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