



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

July 3, 2008

Michael M. Montgomery, Chief  
Federal Facilities and Site Cleanup Branch  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – IX  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Mr. Montgomery,

Thank you for your July 2, 2008, letter. We disagree with a number of the points that you made. Nevertheless, to expedite the work, DOE accedes to EPA's demand that EPA assume the responsibility for radioactivity survey work at SSFL Area IV and adjacent drainages and undeveloped land. We will notify Congress of your decision, and will also notify the federal district court, as appropriate, with respect to potential impacts on the schedule for completing the court-ordered EIS.

In accordance with Pub. L. No. 110-61, we will transfer \$1.5 million to EPA as soon as the attached Interagency Agreement is signed. The issue of funding in future years will depend up the availability of Congressional appropriations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia V. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Cynthia Anderson  
Deputy Chief Operations Officer  
for Environmental Management

cc: Norm Riley

