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Re: Letter of Intent regarding Remediation of the Santa Susana Field
Laboratory Property

Dear Secretary Adams and Secretary Chrisman:

The purpose of this Letter of Intent ("LOI") is to set forth the understanding between the State of California ("State") and the undersigned community members and organizations and environmental and public health organizations regarding the remediation of environmental hazards identified on the property commonly referred to as the Santa Susana Field Laboratory ("SSFL") site.

The State and the undersigned individuals and organizations have reached the following understanding:

1. SB 990 (Kuehl, Chapter 729, Statutes of 2007). SB 990 is existing law and has not been amended or modified since it became effective. It is the intent of the Administration that SB 990 remain as the law that controls the cleanup of the SSFL site. By separate letter, the Administration is notifying Senator Kuehl that it permanently relieves her of any obligations she may have undertaken in her letter to the Governor dated October 12, 2007, regarding SB 990.
2. Remediation Standards. The remediation standards for the SSFL site will be the standards required by SB 990 (Kuehl, Chapter 729, Statutes of 2007). The clean-up process and public participation process for remediation for the site will be the processes required by SB 990. Any binding agreement that the State executes with The Boeing Company, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) or any other responsible party for the remediation of the property will require remediation pursuant to the SB 990 requirements and shall not include any request or agreement to make changes to SB 990.

3. NPL Listing. The State will, by January 15, 2008, request that U.S. EPA defer for six months the decision regarding whether to propose National Priorities List ("NPL") listing for the SSFL site in order that the State may negotiate binding agreements for the cleanup of the site and may fully evaluate possible impacts and ramifications of an NPL listing on achieving the goal of a comprehensive, protective and expedited cleanup of the site. The undersigned individuals and organizations concur with this request.
4. U.S. EPA Support. The State will request, and the undersigned individuals and organizations concur with the request, that U.S. EPA take the following actions irrespective of the NPL listing process:
 - A) take the lead role in the U.S. EPA/Department of Energy radiological characterization survey of the SSFL that is required by H.R. 2764; conduct a full and comprehensive radiological characterization survey based on the cleanup standards in SB 990; and involve the Department of Toxic Substances Control ("DTSC") in the preparation, performance and completion of that survey;
 - B) provide technical assistance to DTSC in its evaluation of radiological contamination at the site and in surrounding areas;
 - C) provide technical assistance to DTSC in the development and implementation of a comprehensive study to establish background values for both chemical and radiological contaminants at the site;
 - D) provide DTSC and U.S. EPA regional staff with access, as needed, to CERCLA radiation experts in the Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation at U.S. EPA headquarters, for technical consultations; and
 - E) provide technical support through U.S. EPA's Radiation and Indoor Environments National Laboratory in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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