

October 14, 2021

Secretary Jared Blumenfeld
California Environmental Protection Agency
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Blumenfeld:

As elected local government representatives of the communities surrounding the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL), we are writing to express our strong concerns about ongoing delays in the clean-up of this highly contaminated toxic waste site, and to urge you to compel its prompt clean-up per the established State agreements and schedule.

Knowing your detailed familiarity with the site, its contamination, and your agency's responsibility for these matters, we will not re-address those issues in this letter. Instead, we ask that you consider the families of children with childhood cancer in our communities, the parents and residents who must worry that they might be next, and those who worry about the safety of their own backyards and the dust that comes in their windows or the rainwater running by their homes and schools, or carcinogens in the smoke and ash when the site catches fire. State clean-up action has been far too little and far too late, and extensive toxic contamination remains on site.

It is now four years after the clean-up was supposed to have been completed per adopted agreements, and as yet the promised soil clean-up has not begun. We are opposed to any action that would significantly delay or weaken site clean-up. We are specifically concerned with the following activities of your agency:

-No State effort to enforce the 2007 Consent Order and 2010 Administrative Orders on Consent.

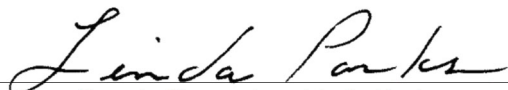
-Confidential negotiations between DTSC and Boeing that could delay or weaken clean-up by Boeing as required by the Consent Order and Administrative Order on Consent (CO & AOC).

-Proposed further delays in the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report while having not addressed shortcomings in the EIR that the City of LA, the County of Ventura, and others identified over three years ago.

-Possible changes to the Standardized Risk Assessment Methodology (SRAM2 Update) that would allow Boeing to delay and weaken clean-up.

As you are aware, SSFL is a highly contaminated, toxic site surrounded by many hundreds of thousands of residents. We and our constituents seek your assurance that the long-overdue clean-up of SSFL will not be further delayed or weakened and that full clean-up per the 2007 Consent Order and 2010 Administrative Orders on Consent will be given the priority and immediacy it necessitates.

Sincerely,



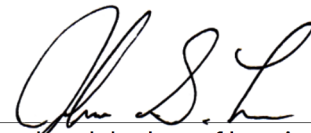
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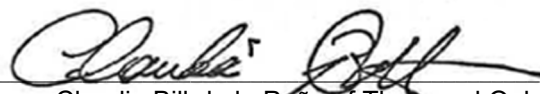
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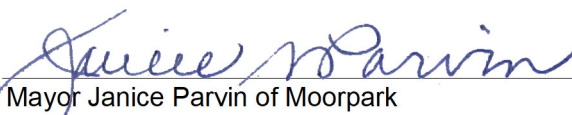
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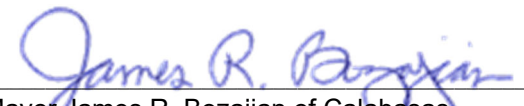
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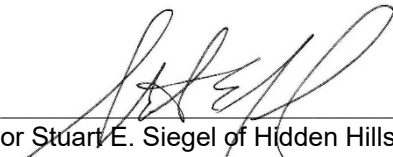
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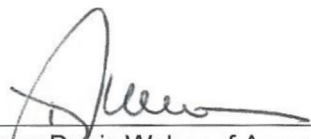
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cc: Governor Gavin Newsom