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Hello Panel Members,

Alec Uzemeck, the chair of the Santa Susanna Field Laboratory Community Advisory Group (CAG), submitted these suggestions in response to the Chair Kracov's request of him at the September 20, 2016 IRP meeting for specific written recommendations on how to improve the CAGs.

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In 2012 DTSC approved the petition to form a SSFL CAG and the CAG was established with the help of DTSC, Udall Consultants and several academicians who aided in the selection of members. The charter and operating rules were prepared and by the fall of 2013 the CAG began holding regular monthly meetings.,

DTSC provided meeting speakers and we had regular contact with the DTSC engineers and scientists. However, after a year, DTSC said that they were on a smaller budget and would have to reduce their participation with the CAG. Our point of contact became the PR lady in the Chatsworth office. Communication between DTSC and the CAG declined.

During this same period the CAG analyzed each report and developed its own website, Facebook page and YouTube channel to improve its communications with the public. In addition, 6 videos were produced and posted for public review.

The CAG has two recommendations to improve DTSC public participation. A communication channel should be established with the CAG and a DTSC representative who has a science background and is well acquainted with the SSFL cleanup. Regular meetings and communication between the CAG and the public and DTSC should be established on a regular and frequent basis. DTSC should have an increased budget to support this effort.

The SSFL CAG has invested much effort in establishing communications with neighborhood councils, environment groups, business organizations, agencies, the SSFL responsible parties and community members. DTSC should use the SSFL CAG to revitalize its outreach program since the CAG has widespread contacts and technical knowledge. A DTSC infrequent panel visit or distant committee review will not be effective for community outreach.

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