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West Valley Mothers for Retinoblastoma Awareness
c/o RocketdyneWatch, LLC
14320 Ventura Blvd. #270
Sherman Oaks, California 91423

Dear West Valley Mothers for Retinoblastoma Awareness:

Thank you for your recent letter to Rick Brausch in which you expressed your strong concerns about the Department of Toxic Substances Control’s (DTSC) December 2006 fact sheet regarding the Santa Susana Field Laboratory. Mr. Brausch referred your letter to me for our response. You took extreme exception to the following statement in the fact sheet:

“Epidemiology is not an area in which we have specific expertise, however, our toxicologist has researched the scientific literature regarding this condition and found there is no known environmental cause for retinoblastoma.”

On behalf of DTSC, I sincerely apologize for these statements. DTSC does not have expertise in epidemiology and should not have commented on these matters. We will delete this discussion in the December 2006 fact sheet posted on DTSC’s website. We will also post your letter and this letter of apology on our website.

You may wish to contact the California Department of Health Services or the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, both of whom have expertise in epidemiology and evaluation of cancer clusters, for assistance. The following are the primary contacts for each agency:

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Mr. Burt Cooper
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Again, I offer our sincere apologies. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Larry Woodson, DTSC Public Participation Supervisor, at (916) 255-3648.

Sincerely,

Signed by Barbara Coler

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