

COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

URGENT: Community Update on Woolsey Fire and SSFL

This is an update as of 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 14, 2018

On Thursday, November 8, 2018, the Woolsey Fire burned through portions of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL). The area remains closed due to nearby fire activity, but fire personnel stationed on the site continue to monitor fire conditions.

DTSC is working with a multi-agency response team that includes the California Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, California Department of Public Health, United States Environmental Protection Agency Emergency Response, United States Department of Energy Rapid Assessment Unit from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, the Civil Support Team of the United States National Guard, and the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura.

The multi-agency team has taken radiation, air and soil measurements at the SSFL site. Based on available results, all the measurements and analyses indicate no radiation or hazardous materials were released from the fire at the SSFL site, and no risk to the public other than the risks normally posed by wildfires and wildfire smoke.

DTSC scientists and the Response Team will continue to take radiation, air and soil measurements, and collect air and soil samples for analysis at DTSC's Environmental Chemistry Lab and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories. Laboratory analyses require several days to complete. DTSC will provide the results of these analyses, and field measurements, as they become available.

DTSC is absolutely committed to ensuring the safety of all communities affected by the fires. We will provide updates as new information becomes available.

Where can I get more information?

Please check our website at dtsc.ca.gov for updates.

For fire updates and additional local resources go to Cal Fire:

http://www.fire.ca.gov/current_incidents/incidentdetails/Index/2282

DTSC will continue to update the communities around the SSFL site as new information becomes available about the site and the impacts of the fire. However, for the most current information about the fire status, please check the CalFire website: <http://www.fire.ca.gov/>, or the Ventura County Office of Emergency Services at: <http://www.vcemergency.com>, or on twitter at: @Venturaoes.



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