

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.

Santa Susana Field Laboratory Draft Program Environmental Impact Report and Draft Program Management Plan Released for Public Review and Comment

The public comment period for the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and Draft Program Management Plan (PMP) for soil and groundwater cleanup at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) has begun. SSFL is a former nuclear research and rocket engine test facility in southeastern Ventura County.

The public comment period for the Draft PEIR and Draft PMP starts September 7, 2017, and ends October 23, 2017. This Community Update explains the purpose of the draft documents, how to submit comments, the time and location of upcoming public meetings, and how to access the draft documents.

Draft PEIR

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) prepared the Draft PEIR to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). CEQA is a law that requires public agencies to evaluate and disclose potential impacts to the environment that may occur as a result of implementing a project.

The Draft PEIR explains the environmental impacts that could result from SSFL cleanup activities, and identifies alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts.

The Draft PEIR addresses potential impacts on:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological resources
- Cultural resources
- Geology, soils, and seismicity
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Hazards and hazardous materials
- Hydrology and water quality
- Land use and planning
- Noise
- Transportation/traffic
- Utilities and service systems
- Energy conservation

Public Comment Period

September 7 – October 23, 2017

A public comment period on the Draft PEIR and Draft PMP will be open for 45 days. Comments must be submitted in writing, and postmarked by or received by DTSC, on October 23, 2017.

Send written comments to:

SSFL CEQA Comments
Department of Toxic Substances Control
8800 Cal Center Drive
Sacramento, CA 95826

Send E-mail via the following web link:

<http://SSFL.DTSC.commentinput.com>

Fax:

(916) 255-3734

After the comment period, DTSC will consider all comments and will prepare written responses that will be included in the Final PEIR.

Public Meetings / Hearings

The public meetings and public hearings will provide opportunities to learn more about the SSFL project and for the community to provide comments on the SSFL Draft PEIR and the Draft PMP.

Thursday, October 5, 2017

Valley Ballroom, Grand Vista Hotel
999 Enchanted Way, Simi Valley, CA 93065
Public Meeting Open House: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Public Hearing: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, October 7, 2017

Social Hall, St. John Eudes Church
9901 Mason Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311
Public Meeting Open House: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Public Hearing: 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm



The Draft PEIR Analyzes The Project and Project Alternatives

The Draft PEIR evaluates potential impacts of the SSFL cleanup project described in two types of administrative cleanup documents: A 2007 Consent Order for Corrective Action, which applies to the cleanup of groundwater and contaminated soil in The Boeing Company’s (Boeing) area; and 2010 Administrative Orders on Consent (AOCs) that apply to the cleanup of contaminated soil in areas controlled by the Department of Energy (DOE) and NASA. As required by CEQA, the Draft PEIR also evaluates several alternatives to the proposed project. The following four alternatives were evaluated in more detail.



Alternative 1 - No Project Alternative

This alternative is required by CEQA and represents a continuation of the existing conditions at the project site. No further actions would be taken to treat or remove the contaminated onsite soils and groundwater beyond current monitoring and maintenance activities.

Alternative 2 - Preliminary Estimated Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) Exceptions Alternative

Under this alternative, some areas with significant biological and cultural resources would not be cleaned up, resulting in less onsite disturbance and less soil being removed from the site compared to the proposed project.

Alternative 3 - Reduced Truck Trip Scenario

This alternative would limit the maximum number of daily truck trips associated with the project to 48 round trips per day, which is half of the daily maximum defined for the proposed project (i.e., 96 round trips per day).

Alternative 4 – Conveyor Transport

This alternative involves construction of a conveyor to transport contaminated soil from the project site to a truck loading site or rail loading site in Simi Valley.

Draft Program Management Plan

The Draft PMP, also prepared by DTSC, establishes the framework for investigation and cleanup decisions at SSFL. The Draft PMP describes how the cleanup will be undertaken in accordance with all applicable laws, including the California Health and Safety Code, 2007 Consent Order for Corrective Action, and 2010 AOCs.

The PMP will serve as a roadmap for how DTSC and the three Responsible Parties (Boeing, NASA, and DOE) will complete the SSFL cleanup. Additionally, the PMP will assist in managing the complex nature of cleanup projects, the responsible parties’ schedules, and multiple regulatory agencies’ involvement at the site. The PMP will be updated annually to incorporate new information, especially as it relates to schedule and the roles of supporting agencies.

DTSC will determine the final framework for the PMP after reviewing and considering all public comments submitted during the public comment period. Subsequent decision documents, which will include individual public comment periods, will be prepared consistent with the framework for each discrete cleanup project at SSFL.

Where to Find the Draft PEIR and Draft PMP

Online	www.dtsc.ca.gov/sitecleanup/Santa_Susana_Field_Lab	
Information Repositories	California State University, Northridge Oviatt Library 1811 Nordhoff Street 2nd Floor, Room 265 Northridge, CA 91330	Department of Toxic Substances Control Chatsworth Regional Office 9211 Oakdale Avenue Chatsworth, CA 91311
	Platt Library 23600 Victory Boulevard Woodland Hills, CA 91367	Simi Valley Library 2969 Tapo Canyon Road Simi Valley, CA 93063

For questions or more information, visit the **Santa Susana Field Laboratory website:**

www.dtsc.ca.gov/sitecleanup/Santa_Susana_Field_Lab, or contact **Michelle Banks-Ordone**, DTSC Public Participation and Community Affairs, at **(818) 717-6573** or Michelle.Banks-Ordone@dtsc.ca.gov.

