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NASA Releases Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Today, August 2, 2013, NASA released its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for its portion of the Santa Susana Field Lab. The DEIS will inform decision makers and the public about potential environmental impacts of cleanup activities of the NASA property at SSFL. Information on the DEIS and the document itself can be found here:

<http://www.nasa.gov/agency/nepa/news/SSFL.html#.Ufv5IG3sV3s>

- The DEIS estimates the amount of contaminated soil that will be removed to clean up NASA's property to the levels required by the AOC.
- NASA estimates that 500,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be removed. This represents about 53 one-way truck trips each day for two years. This is assuming: 5 days a week, with approx. 10 minute internals for a 9 hour work day. We feel these are realistic estimates.
- During the next two years, we will conduct our own environmental CEQA evaluation. Our Environmental Impact Report will carefully and comprehensively examine the entire project's potential environmental impacts. It will also identify mitigation measures to eliminate or reduce those potential impacts.
- DTSC Plans to have its CEQA scoping complete by the end of the year.
- DOE and Boeing will also be required to remove contaminated soil.
- Comparisons of the NEPA and CEQA Process:
 - Both allow for informed decision-making;
 - NEPA applies to the federal agency, while CEQA applies to the proposed discretionary actions of the state; and
 - CEQA requires an analysis of growth-inducing and cumulative impacts; thus all site-wide impacts from the removal will be considered.
 - Our CEQA document will collect information from all three plans and address mitigation measures.
- DTSC has worked and will continue to work with NASA to ensure it meets the requirements of the AOC, and remain committed to following that agreement.