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RE: Comments on the Runkle Canyon Response Plan

Dear Mr. Naginis,

Thank you for taking the time to accept comments from the public regarding the Runkle Canyon Response Plan.

I first would like to point out that the December 2007 Offsite Data Report of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) prepared by MWH needs to be corrected and reprinted and the copies at all the libraries be replace as it states on page 18 that the Runkle Canyon Property does not share a border with the SSFL. This is FALSE and the public who read about the issues of the SSFL need to be properly informed otherwise it may mean nothing to them if they feel it is not in close proximity to the SSFL.

The Runkle Canyon area has an unusually high mineral content (salts etc.) with an extremely interesting, complex, rich geology, artesian springs with some distance of subterranean flow. It is not just the AREA IV portion of the SSFL that has impacted Runkle. We must toss aside the rejected Conceptual Groundwater Model and look to the Runkle Canyon Windmill Well and it's High Concentrations of Trichloroethylene (TCE) as noted in prior reports. This windmill is pumping every time the wind blows, sometimes non-stop, pulling in contaminated groundwater. This windmill needs to be dismantled to allow the TCE concentrations to stay within the SSFL boundaries.

DTSC and KB Homes need to work together and access more areas of Runkle Canyon for visual reconnaissance. Members of the Community should be able to attend these scouting trips as well.

I think understanding the history of Runkle Canyon is the key to accurately identify what source removal action or no action should take place. DTSC should order Title Reports with Plotted Easements and Underlying Documents on all parcels of Runkle and the American Jewish University's Brandeis-Bardin Campus (BBI) to understand which roadways Rocketdyne, Atomics International or any of the parent or offshoot companies had ingress and egress rights to. This will help us understand the roadways as they could be a potential Chemical or Radiological Source Area and will have to be dealt with according to Senate Bill 990 Standards. The roadways that travel through BBI and Runkle Canyon are very curvy and steep with drainages on either side. With these roads being used in all types of weather the potential for accidents was a reality. Something about the names of the roads brings up worry about links to the Sodium Reactor Experiment (SRE), the same reactor that suffered a partial core meltdown in 1959. The Edison Company harnessed the power produced by the SRE and there is a road that runs through Runkle Canyon to the back gate of AREA IV, Edison Road. The other roads are named Runkle Fire Road, Albertson Fire Road, Arness Fire Road, yet the Edison pathway is not labeled as a Fire Road as it was used for commercial transportation and maintenance of the SRE. DTSC Needs to look into the history of the roads as they all lead to the gate of AREA IV, the Nuclear Area of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory. These need to be looked into thoroughly by DTSC. This brings me to the Response Plan including the removal of a Tar-like Substance. This same type of Tar is found in rock seeps at the location of the SRE in the Nuclear AREA IV of the SSFL. This needs to be evaluated to determine if the source is the SRE.

Historical Photos need to be provided from every era to understand how these areas were used. The quarries that were used for mining, what were mined in these areas? Was it just gravel for the uses of making concrete? Did the SSFL utilize this gravel mine for its close proximity to the SSFL? Was this a Uranium Mine? We need to know.

During the January Public meeting that you held in the Simi Valley City Council Chambers, why were there no City Officials nor the owner/developer or even the firm who did the testing (Dade-Moeller) in attendance? It was not even posted on the Simi Valley City Website until just a few days prior. This looks to be a low profile issue for the City of Simi Valley or at least they are treating it like one. All who attended saw the data and the efforts of Dade-Moeller to downplay the seriousness of their findings. **RADIOLOGICAL FINDINGS!!!**

Look to Acknowledging KB Homes' past (i.e. building a housing development on a former WWII bombing range in Texas without removing the bombs, wherein dozens of them - unexploded - were found in yards after families moved into the houses), let us ask ourselves what KB Homes may gain by the determination that Runkle Canyon - a piece of land bordering a former nuclear and rocket engine testing facility with the distinction of being home to the worst nuclear accident in U.S. history THE SRE - is safe to build homes on. KB Homes carries no insurance. They are self-insured and get around everything by forming sub-Corporations for each development and then closing down the Corporation once the project is completed. They have pushed their way through developing brownfields all over the United States.

Here we have a link to a government website that states KB Homes is in violation of the Clean Water Act and is in A Civil Action with the United States Government.

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-14099.pdf>

Look at these practices and look at the flawed data. This site needs a careful eye placed upon it and it needs to be tested right and right now.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration,

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