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Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura - 800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, California 93009

Subject: Legislative Enactment of Assembly Bill (AB)102 (SMYTHE)

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Since 1947 the regional area of the AB102 focus was formerly used for Nuclear Research and Rocket Engine Testing. Known as the Santa Susana Field Laboratory or Rocketdyne, this site is in need of proper characterization and clean up of chemical and radionuclides as set forth in Senate Bill (SB)990 (Kuehl/Brownley) before AB102 moves forward.

We thank the Ventura County Board of Supervisors for their ongoing support of SB990 and strongly recommend that AB102 stay in it's current form with Section 4 of the bill protected. Section 4 of the bill requires that no park go forward until the site is completely cleaned up to SB990 standards.

This recommendation includes the demolition of the Rocket Engine Test Stands as underneath an estimated 800,000 gallons of Trichloroethylene (TCE) continue to release cancerous vapors as a source removal cleanup and restoration is needed.

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