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Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)

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Dear Director Raphael,

The Communities surrounding/effected by the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) have gone months without the only true public forum for this issue, the Inter-Agency Workgroup, and the surrounding Communities have spoken...and want it to return.

This is confirmed by all the e-mails you are receiving from my petition at Signon.org <http://signon.org/sign/bring-back-the-santa>; The Workgroup was the only place that the general public could, on a quarterly basis, learn the truth about what was going on with the cleanup of the SSFL. Close to 200 community members have signed, (many adding personal heart-felt comments) in the few short weeks since the July 26th inception.

These are Real People who live downhill along all four sides of Santa Susana, not cousins of cousins or lobbyists, as we have seen in the Walsh petition which she has described as calling for a Revival of the PPG or creation of a CAG. The actual legal requirement to which you refer states that the petition must be "signed by at least 50 members of a community affected by the response action at a site." Cal. Health & Safety Code §25358.7.1.(a). The Walsh petition has only 19 members of a community affected by the response action at a site, whereas the petition to bring back the Workgroup has well over 115. You met with Ms. Walsh on July 30, received her petition containing names or partial names of 56 people, and immediately approved her CAG/PPG Revival, despite a counter-petition urging you not to do so and without meeting with the opponents of the...

...CAG petition. Many of the signatures on the petition to bring back the Work Group are from Community members who also oppose Walsh's proposed CAG as an alternative to the Workgroup.

It is now coming up on the Year Anniversary** of the last time the public had an opportunity to listen to updates and have their comment heard at the mic was in September of 2011. Workgroup after Workgroup have been cancelled/postponed until further notice leaving an uninformed, divided community, getting their data as hearsay and without a proper forum that led to a "who said what" and "who to believe" game in blogs and the press.

We are requesting that the California department responsible for the cleanup of the contaminated Santa Susana Field Laboratory reinstate the SSFL Inter-Agency Work Group which had been meeting quarterly since 1990.

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**[http://www.acmela.org/images/SSFL_Workgroup FULL AGENDA September 8 of 2011.pdf](http://www.acmela.org/images/SSFL_Workgroup_FULL_AGENDA_September_8_of_2011.pdf)