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Mr. William Bowling  
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Mr. Bowling,

Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne (PWR) has reviewed the questions you raised in your e-mail of March 11, 2009. The following shall serve as PWR's response to your inquiry:

Tooling

The tooling in the photo you provided is used to support various lifting, testing or manufacturing processes of the Space Shuttle Main Engine. Approximately half the tooling pictured was previously stored in other buildings at the Canoga Site and was mislabeled as being in transit from SSFL. The remaining tooling was previously located at a long-term outdoor storage pad in Area I at SSFL. This tooling has never been exposed to a radioactive source, nor has it been used in any process involving a radioactive source. Furthermore, The Boeing Company has assured us that it conducts an appropriate assessment of each article shipped to us.

Concrete Cores

The two-inch cores lying in the culvert between the Best Buy property and PWR were not taken by PWR or from PWR's property. Please note that Best Buy recently installed a wrought-iron railing around the ramp and elevated walkway next to the culvert. As part of this construction, approximately 25 fence posts were driven into the ramp behind the Best Buy store. Installation of the fence post required the contractor to drill a two-inch diameter concrete core, install the fence post and fill each core with cement. It is therefore likely that the cores were associated with that activity.

Vanowen Building

Investigation and remediation of the Vanowen Building was overseen by Ana Townsend of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB). All reports are available at the LARWQCB offices. Ms. Townsend can be reached at the following address:

Ana M. Townsend  
Water Resources Control Engineer  
Site Cleanup Unit I  
California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
(213) 576-6738

With regards to investigations of radiological contamination, the U.S. Department of Energy's summary of the activities to discover any radioactivity at the Vanowen building is located in their reading room:

<http://www.etec.energy.gov/Reading-Room/Canoga.html>.



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Please address any further questions concerning past radiological activities at the Vanowen building or other buildings at the Canoga site to the Boeing Company. Any further questions for PWR should be addressed to my attention at the address provided above.

Sincerely,



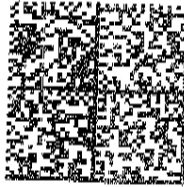
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