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DTSC ANNOUNCES: Alternative Version of the Draft Cleanup Order Posted on Web Site PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD on the DRAFT CLEANUP ORDER EXTENDED

Public Comment Period now runs from August 19 to October 2, 2009
Santa Susana Field Laboratory - Ventura County, California

On August 19, 2009, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced that it had negotiated a draft cleanup order with two of the three Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) responsible parties, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The draft cleanup order was posted on DTSC's web site, the SSFL web site, and made available to the public for a 30-day comment period ending September 18, 2009.

DOE and NASA have now made the public aware that a different version of the draft document exists. This is an alternative version of the draft order, containing changes that DOE and NASA have proposed to the version of the agreement previously posted. While these changes have been discussed among the representatives of DTSC, DOE, and NASA, this version of the Order has not been agreed to by the three parties. In the interest of transparency, DTSC is making this alternate version available to the public. Comments submitted on both versions will inform the negotiations between DTSC, DOE and NASA as we move towards finalizing the consent cleanup order.

You can view copies of the original and the alternate on DTSC's web site at www.dtsc.ca.gov, or on the web site www.dtsc-ssfl.com. The copies can be found under the "What's New" headline in the upper right.

The original version is titled "*Draft Consent Order With DOE and NASA for the Santa Susana Field Laboratory.*" The alternate version is titled "*Draft Consent Order Version 2.0: DOE and NASA Proposed Changes.*" In this document, DTSC has highlighted in yellow the differences between the two versions.

DTSC is still seeking comment on the originally posted draft consent order. The Department will also accept comments on the changes represented in version 2.0.

To provide the public a chance to review this additional information, DTSC is extending the public comment period until October 2, 2009.

DTSC's goal is to reach a final agreement that is in strict compliance with SB 990, and protects

public health and the environment.

In addition to the two web sites, the two documents are also available for public inspection at:

- Simi Valley Library, 2969 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA 93063. Contact: Martha Gifford (805) 526-1735
- California State University Northridge, Oviatt Library, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330. Contact: Robert Marshall (818) 667-2832
- Los Angeles Public Library - Platt Branch, 23600 Victory Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91367. Contact: Lynn Light (818) 340-9386
- Department of Toxic Substances Control, Chatsworth Office, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311. Contact: Vivian Tutaan, (818) 717-6520

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