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A Community Divided

Two groups have differing opinions for the methods that should be used to clean up the Santa Susanna Field Lab (SSFL). Parts of the site were used for rocket engine testing and alternate energy development over decades and the soil has been contaminated.

One group wants a cleanup that will return the site to its "Natural State," Nothing could be further from the truth. Their "cleanup to background" plan has no provision for habitat restoration. That means the removal of the rocket test stands and buildings; loss of Tribal caves, paintings and artifacts; excavation of vegetation and most of the topsoil in the space that was occupied (1,100 acres). No source of replacement soil that meets their criteria for the "most stringent cleanup standards" has been found.

How does this affect you?

A massive amount of debris and topsoil will have to be excavated and removed over a 10 to 12 year period and will result in **trucks, perhaps as many as 341 per day - one way, will drive through your communities.** Restoration, if possible, will add more truckloads. Various politicians have pushed NASA and DOE into this cleanup method, which is not used for large sites anywhere in the USA.

Our organization, the SSFL Community Advisory Group (CAG) wants a **cleanup based on EPA methods** that are used throughout the USA and that would leave the historical test stands, Tribal cultural items, some which are in the Historical Register, and the vegetation. Only one eighth of the soil as required in the politically mandated method would have to be removed under our proposal, and Boeing under an agreement with the state of California is using the EPA methodology.

The cleanup is proceeding in some sections of the property by Boeing while NASA and DOE are in their final planning stages.

What can you do?

Ask your local and state representatives to look into this cleanup, evaluate the two methods against their consequences to your communities, and tell you what they have concluded.

Become more informed yourself, and **make up your own mind** before others decide for you.

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