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ATSDR Statement Regarding Future Agency Involvement at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory Site, Ventura County, California

I appreciate the time and effort so many have invested from the state and community, as well as the staff who work for ATSDR to ensure that any actions undertaken by our agency regarding the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) Site are in the best interest of protecting public health.

I had the opportunity to meet with numerous private citizens and public servants at the local, state, and federal levels; and I have developed a much better understanding of the nature and scope of the investigations conducted and decisions made regarding remediation of the site, as well as the various viewpoints regarding the efforts to evaluate the public health impacts and develop cleanup plans for this site. Our ATSDR environmental health scientists and leadership have had the opportunity to evaluate information shared through these engagements as well as the new data available since ATSDR's previous involvement at SSFL.

We have concluded that a thoughtful process has been used to evaluate threats to public health and develop plans to address those health threats. Therefore, ATSDR will not conduct any new public health investigation as a result of the recent petitions.

ATSDR takes very seriously our responsibility under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act to help protect communities from harmful environmental exposures. All petitions for ATSDR's involvement are evaluated for their relevance to ATSDR's mission, availability of data, and information for an evaluation, and whether an evaluation will provide a meaningful response to the question. I believe our evaluation of this petition to date has undergone a fair and thoughtful process.

As I have stated previously, we believe the clean-up should move forward without delay. If you have additional questions, you may reach out to our ATSDR Regional Director Robert Knowles at (415) 947-4317 or via email at rknowles@cdc.gov

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