

March 1, 2017

Ms. Stephanie Jennings
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U.S. Department of Energy
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Re: DOE/EIS-0402, Area IV and Northern Buffer Zone
Santa Susana Field Laboratory

Dear Ms. Jennings,

The Chatsworth Neighborhood Council has reviewed selected data from the DOE's very thorough DEIS, and thanks the DOE for its willingness to include a wide variety of alternatives in the DEIS.

All cleanup alternatives provide for cleanup of the site to either suburban residential standards or cleaner. All presented cleanup alternatives provide a reasonable level of cleanup, or even excessive cleanup, when long term use of the property as open space is the intended use.

Having initially determined the ending condition of the site under any cleanup approach that was presented is sufficiently clean; we then considered the impact to our community under the presented alternatives.

The major effect of the different cleanup alternatives is the amount of truck traffic and potential related effects on our community from pollutants, wear and tear on the roads, and traffic. We would like to minimize these effects, as well as the taxpayer costs of the cleanup.

Based on the foregoing, our preferred alternative is the "Conservation of Natural Resources Alternative". This provides the least number of truck trips, the least soil removal, the least number of trips to replace soil, and the least cost to the taxpayers for the cleanup.

Our second choice of an alternative is the "Cleanup to Revised LUT Values Alternative". We note projected cancer risks are fairly similar under this proposal (1 chance in 100,000 to 270,000) to the extremely lengthy and problematic "Cleanup to AOC LUT Values Alternative", that is 1 chance in 100,000 to 310,000. Cleanup to Revised LUT Values Alternative provides the second best opportunity to minimize cleanup impacts to our community.

We are opposed to the Cleanup to AOC LUT Values Alternative. The cleanup is excessive, with severe environmental effects to our community for many years as the trucks continue to move soil with contamination that is not significant. The site will be further impacted by the unresolved absence of "adequate" replacement soil.

We encourage that DOE adopt the "Conservation of Natural Resources Alternative" to clean up significant contamination, with the most minimal impacts to the site and surrounding community that is protective of human health and practical for the scope of cleanup.

Sincerely,

Andre van der Valk
President