

WHNC Resolution for the SSFL Cleanup Traffic Study

The Department of Toxic Substances Control has announced that it has begun studies for the transportation alternatives for the soil removal resulting from the clean up activities at the SSFL and it is seeking public input on transportation alternatives to be considered.

The West Hills Neighborhood Council has the following fundamental considerations that must be addressed as part of this study to mitigate the consequences of the traffic options that will use routes through the West Hills community.

The truck traffic must be minimized either through the selection of cleanup method, other traffic routes or a stretch-out of the project schedule since it will become a major intrusion into West Hills. On site treatment of soil should be a major component of any cleanup.

Air monitoring in the community during the excavation and transportation is necessary so that if unhealthful respiratory conditions arise, then the cleanup activities would cease until corrective actions are taken.

There must be active monitoring and management of the traffic with items such as the timed green light for trucks leaving the SSFL.

Trucks should not use the streets during school drop-off and pickup hours during the day.

The cleanup schedule is a secondary consideration and should be lengthened if necessary to mitigate the effects of the traffic.

Traffic in the neighborhood should be monitored, particularly at intersections and school entrances, which may become dysfunctional and require corrective action.

There should be a traffic safety analysis of Woolsey Canyon and Valley Circle for the dual trailer trucks that may be used.

Analysis and plans must be prepared and shown for various traffic routes and those include anticipated road damage and repair schedules. A number of the major thoroughfares through West Hills that might be used by this project have recently been repaved and these roads should not be allowed to deteriorate.

The Responsible Parties must be financially liable for accidents, damage and injury in the community as a result of the cleanup.

The traffic plan should contain a comprehensive program for all of the affected communities including Woodland Hills, Canoga Park, West Hills, Bell Canyon, West Hills, Chatsworth, Simi Valley and others surrounding the SSFL. The points raised above apply to these communities and the DTSC traffic plan should be all-embracing in response to the communities' concerns and recommendations.

Adopted by the West Hills, California, Neighborhood Council, August 5, 2014