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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA Saturday, May 30, 2020 4:00 PM

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1. Discussion and possible action for WHNC letter to DTSC and DOE re Agreement to Remove 10 Buildings per the 2010 AOC cleanup to background
2. Public Comment
3. Adjournment

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Draft Letter

To Meredith Williams Director of DTSC, Jared Blumenfeld Secretary of Cal EPA, John Jones SSFL DOE Project Manager and Dan Brouillette US Secretary of Energy.

Recently the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announced that the Department had reached an agreement with the Department of Energy to remove 10 buildings at the Radioactive Materials Handling Facility at the Santa Susana Field Lab in Ventura County. The announcement states that the demolition and debris removal will be done under the 2010 Administrative Orders on Consent (2010 AOC).

The 2010 AOC requires cleanup to background or non-detect, and after considerable study of the consequences of a large excavation, truck traffic, pollution and the destruction of the environment, numerous neighborhood councils and community members have voiced their opposition to this cleanup method.

The communities and their representative neighborhood councils want a cleanup that minimizes the truck traffic, soil removal, soil replacement and airborne pollution, and request that the risk-based cleanup that is used throughout the USA be used.

We are disappointed that the demolition of the 10 buildings that will use the cleanup to background and request reconsideration. We hope that the 2010 AOC will not be used for the remainder of the cleanup when the risk-based cleanup is safer, less disruptive and has much shorter schedule for completion.

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March 2, 2017

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

The West Hills Neighborhood Council has reviewed the DOE's Environment Impact Statement in which the DOE presents cleanup alternatives with explanations of each process and evaluations of the consequences for the environment, cultural resources, public health, and surrounding communities.

We believe that it is in the public interest to clean up the property to a level safe for humans and for use as open space; therefore we do not accept the "No Action" alternative.

The remaining three alternatives provide for cleanup of the site to suburban residential standards and, with the exception of the AOC, meet acceptable contamination levels per US EPA standards.

We are opposed to the "Cleanup to AOC LUT Values" alternative. This cleanup is destructive and uses chemical lists and extraordinary cleanup levels provided by unknown sources without consideration of whether they pose any threats to human health. We believe that it will be a large-scale excavation that will impact the environment and the surrounding communities. Although no replacement soil has been identified to date, after a suitable backfill is found this process will result in a tremendous increase in truck and related traffic on local streets and airborne contaminants in surrounding communities.

The selection between the remaining two alternatives is based on the consequences to the communities, which are driven by the size of the excavation, in situ treatment, and backfill and include the resulting air pollution and truck traffic. We prefer an alternative, which provides the least amount of truck traffic, soil removal, soil disturbance, soil replacement and airborne pollution. Additionally we want DOE to use on-site remediation to the maximum extent possible to further reduce air pollution and truck traffic.

West Hills will be the community most impacted by the site cleanup and a minimization of activity would generate minimal air pollution. It is important that the DOE monitor the dust and gases in the surrounding communities so that activities can cease and mitigation take place when airborne contaminant levels become unacceptable. We also recommend that local residents be monitored for any unusual illness trends that may be related to the site activity.

Sincerely,

President



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