



**FACTS PERTAINING TO
FEDERAL PROPERTY ADMINISTERED BY NASA
AT SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY**

A number of resolutions recently have been considered by local governments and neighborhood councils that pertain to the land at Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) owned by the federal government and administered by NASA. Some letters submitted regarding these resolutions have included inaccurate statements. These inaccuracies generally involve site ownership, liabilities associated with property transfer, nuclear reactors, and location of radiological contamination. Given the high level of public concern and confusion about SSFL, we want to make the record clear.

With regard to site ownership, the federal government owns administrative Area II and a portion of Area I known as the former Liquid Oxygen (LOX) plant. NASA administers these portions owned by the federal government. All of the remaining land associated with the Santa Susana Field Laboratory is owned by The Boeing Company. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) leased a portion of administrative Area IV from Boeing for its activities.

Questions have been raised about liability following transfer. Regardless of the recipient of transfer of the land -- e.g., another federal agency, a federally-recognized tribe, or a private landowner -- NASA will remain ultimately liable for completion of the cleanup.

NASA conducted no nuclear activities at SSFL. All nuclear reactor activities were conducted on the DOE-leased, Boeing-owned portions of Area IV. As such, the EPA's recent findings regarding radionuclides, announced late in 2012, addressed work conducted on the Boeing-owned part of SSFL, which was the portion of SSFL that the DOE leased within Area IV.

NASA is and will remain committed to completing the cleanup and remediation of the federally-owned portion (451.2 acres) of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL). NASA has entered into agreements with the State of California regarding cleanup. We remain committed to meeting the requirements not only of the 2007 Consent Order but also the 2010 Administrative Order on Consent.

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