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### **NASA Announces Public “Scoping” Meetings for Environmental Impact Statement at Santa Susana Field Laboratory, California**

Ventura County, California – NASA is initiating an environmental review process, including provision for public involvement, for proposed environmental remediation and demolition activities on federally-owned land at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL).

On July 6, 2011, NASA issued a notice of intent (NOI) in the Federal Register. The NOI notifies interested agencies, organizations, tribal governments and individuals of NASA’s intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The EIS is being done for NASA’s proposed action for demolition and environmental cleanup activities on the federally-owned portion of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL). NASA also will use this NEPA process to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Section 106 lays out the procedure for consultation with Native Americans, the California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Properties (ACHP) regarding federally-owned historic districts and cultural sites where an action is proposed by the federal government.

NASA will hold public scoping meetings to get the views of interested parties regarding significant environmental concerns in order to better define the scope of issues to be addressed in the analyses that will be included in the EIS. The public comment period on the scoping phase runs until September 17, 2011. In addition to providing official comments at the public scoping meetings, comments may be submitted as described at NASA’s SSFL website and in the NOI.

The EIS is being prepared by NASA to include evaluation of alternatives that will address soil and groundwater cleanup and possible demolition of structures on the federally owned portions of SSFL administered by NASA known as Area II and a part of Area I (also referred to as the LOX, or liquid oxygen, plant).

The scoping meetings will be held at these times and locations:

- Tuesday, August 16, 2011, in Chatsworth, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Chatsworth Hotel, 9777 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Chatsworth, CA 91311
- Wednesday, August 17, 2011, in Simi Valley, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Grand Vista Hotel, 999 Enchanted Way , Simi Valley, CA 93065
- Thursday, August 18, 9:30 a.m. to noon in West Hills, at Corporate Pointe at West Hills, 8413 Fallbrook Ave., West Hills, CA 91304.

The meetings will include time to view informational displays on the project, hear from NASA officials about the alternatives being considered, and receive formal comments from the public about the EIS.

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For more information about NASA's activities, and this EIS process, at SSFL, visit:

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