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Dear Ms. Prillhart:

This letter is to request Ventura County's assistance in determining the appropriate land use designation for parcels in the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) site. On May 9, 2014, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) issued a letter asking for clarification and assistance from the County of Ventura in developing remedial action objectives consistent with Ventura County's long range planning goals.

Ventura County's comments (Letter dated January 8, 2014) on DTSC's Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) states that the General Plan land use designation for the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) is Open Space, which Ventura County indicates is intended, to "support retaining open space lands in a relatively undeveloped state for recreation purposes and scenic value" and that "open space should be recognized for its intrinsic value and should not be regarded as areas waiting for urbanization." The comments also identify the two zones that are consistent with an Open Space land use designation;

- an Open Space zone, which has a 10-acre minimum parcel size, and
- an Agricultural Exclusive zone, which has a 40-acre minimum parcel size.

Ventura County's comments also note that "The existing zoning for SSFL is Rural Agricultural [RA-5], which has a 5-acre minimum parcel size and is not consistent with the General Plan."

To describe a reasonable range of future land use options, DTSC is seeking a more detailed description of these land use designations as well as Ventura County's opinion as to whether they constitute a "reasonably anticipated future land use" consistent with the National Contingency Plan and United States Environmental Protection Agency

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guidance. DTSC will use the information you provide to establish the appropriate cleanup level for these parcels.

DTSC, as lead agency for these cleanup projects, needs to determine if residential development (or other types of housing) is also considered a reasonably anticipated future land use for SSFL. It is DTSC's understanding that there are currently no residential uses planned for the SSFL property. However, DTSC would like confirmation on that issue, and also requests clarification on the definition of Agricultural Exclusive zone.

Thank you for your assistance with these matters. Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts and recommendations going forward. I can be reached at (916) 255-3717 or via e-mail at [Mark.Malinowski@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:Mark.Malinowski@dtsc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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