

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Department of Toxic Substances Control – Our mission is to protect the people, communities, and environment of California from harmful chemicals by cleaning up contaminated sites, enforcing hazardous waste laws, and compelling the development of safer products.

California Issues Legal Order for Clean-Up of Santa Susana Field Laboratory

Requiring U.S. Department of Energy to Remove 10 Buildings at SSFL

The California Environmental Protection Agency Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) reached an agreement with the United States Department of Energy (DOE) to remove 10 buildings within the Radioactive Materials Handling Facility (RMHF) Complex at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) in Ventura County. The Order on Consent for Interim Response Action is consistent with Governor Gavin Newsom's [Executive Order N-05-19](#), which seeks to prevent and mitigate the impact of wildfires.

SSFL RMHF Order on Consent for Interim Response Action Community Meeting

DTSC is hosting a community meeting online and by phone on **Thursday, June 11, 2020, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** to provide information regarding the SSFL RMHF Order on Consent for Interim Response Action. Please use the event information below to join us.

Online: <https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/cfdeuwve>

Audio only dial in: Dial 1 (415) 466-7000 (US), Enter the participant PIN: 6694225, Press # to confirm

The RMHF complex is located in the former DOE-owned Energy Technology Engineering Center (ETEC) in Area IV, an area vulnerable to wildfires. It was built in 1959 to handle nuclear fuel. Contamination within the 1.5-acre RMHF Complex includes radionuclides, heavy metals, solvents, oils and greases, lead-based paint, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and asbestos containing materials. This Order on Consent allows for the immediate removal of the above ground portions of 10 buildings.

The 2005 Topanga Fire and the 2018 Woolsey Fire are recent fires that impacted SSFL. Although the 2019 Easy Fire did not reach SSFL, it occurred nearby. In the event of a fire followed by heavy rain, the deteriorating buildings could potentially release contamination that could migrate off site. Executive Order N-05-19 provides an opportunity to mitigate potential risk from wildfires at SSFL.

Demolition and removal of the building debris will be done under the requirements of the [2010 Administrative Orders on Consent](#), which govern the cleanup of SSFL. It will also be guided by DOE's Standard Operating Procedure and the final Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) Closure Plan.

Debris from all 10 buildings will be transported out of state to an authorized or licensed commercial low-level or mixed low-level radioactive waste facility for disposal. DOE is one of

three responsible parties for the cleanup at SSFL, with Boeing owning most of the site and NASA also owning a portion. Please visit our [website](#) for updates on this and all other activities onsite.

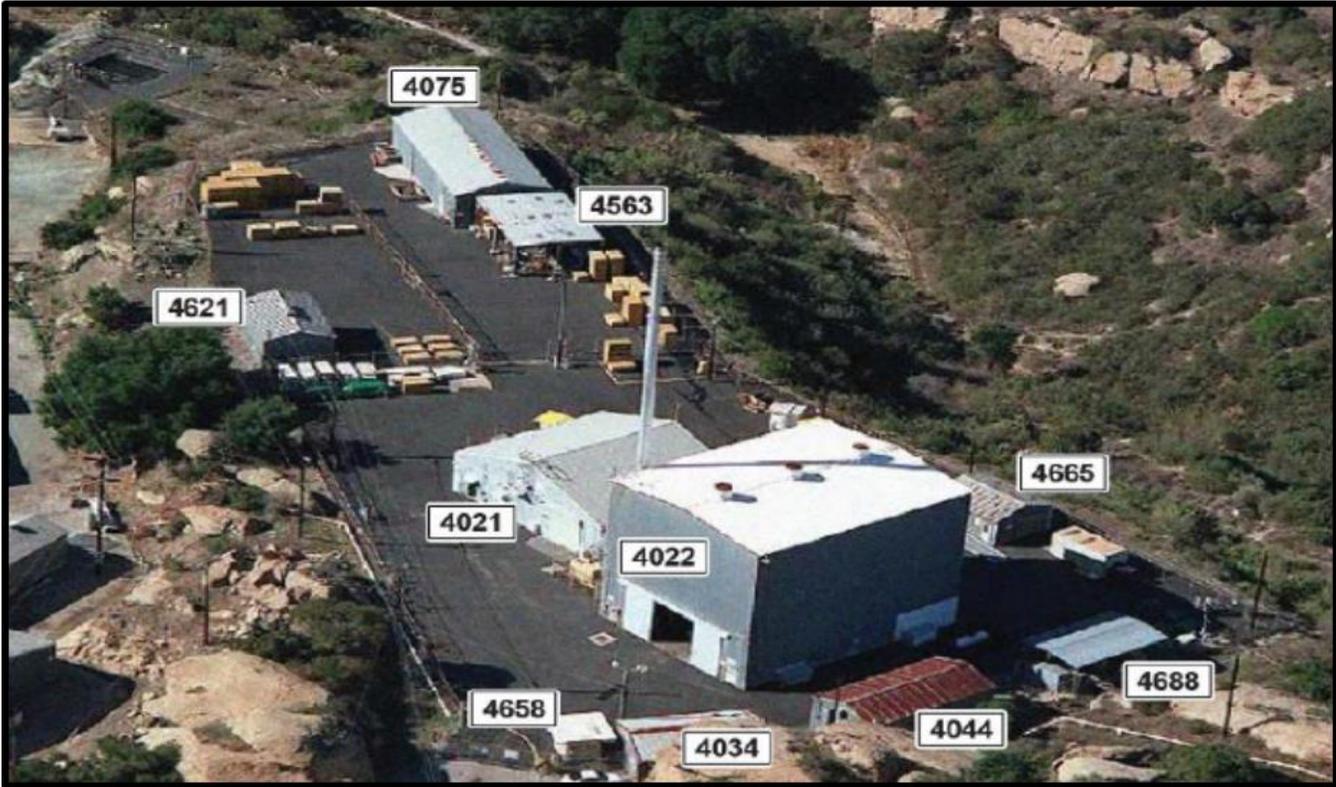


Photo of the RMHF with the buildings that will be demolished

If you have questions or need to secure meeting materials in Spanish or Hindi, please contact Michelle Banks-Ordone at (818) 717-6573 or Michelle.Banks-Ordone@dtsc.ca.gov. All requests for translated materials, must be received by June 2, 2020.

Si tiene preguntas o necesita obtener materiales de la reunión en español, comuníquese con Manuel Lopez al (818) 717-6572 o Manuel.Lopez@dtsc.ca.gov. Todas las solicitudes para la traducción de los materiales deben recibirse antes del 2 de junio de 2020. Las personas con discapacidad auditiva pueden usar el Servicio de retransmisión de California al 711 o al 800-735-2929 (TTY).

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