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June 28, 2016

Mr. Gideon Kracov, Chairman
Mr. Mike Vizzier, Vice Chairman
Dr. Arezoo Campbell, Member
Department of Toxic Substances Control Independent Review Panel

RE: PUBLIC OUTREACH - Request for Independent Review Panel to Visit the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in the Simi Hills of Ventura County, California, and Request for Independent Review Panel to Hold Their August 2016 Committee Meeting in West Hills, California, the Closest Community to the Santa Susana Field Laboratory Site by Road

Dear Chairman Kracov and Panel Members,

I am in my tenth year as a technical stakeholder on the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site (SSFL). I have also worked with DTSC staff on other hazardous waste sites in my community.

It is my understanding from your Work Plan dated March 2016 that July through October 2016, you will be conducting Public Outreach meetings. I would like to invite you to please visit the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site in the Simi Hills, Ventura County, California.

This site is a high profile site. There is a great deal of misinformation in the media in my opinion. I believe you have been hearing only one side of the SSFL picture.

I was not aware of the creation of this Independent Review Panel until Chair Kracov was copied on an email in which I was also copied. I searched Chair Kracov's name, and only then did I find the Independent Review Panel's website.

I have read your agendas and minutes. You have had PowerPoint Presentations from various SSFL stakeholders. I would like to have the opportunity to make a Power Point on DTSC Outreach in the past versus how I perceive it to be today.

It is my understanding that your Panel has already been to the Exide site and to Kettlemen Hills. I believe that Senator De Leon's concerns about the Exide and other sites are the reason that this panel was created.

These are the bullets related to your August proposed agenda:

- "Make and process DTSC information requests on DTSC Public Outreach Program and other potential topics beginning in July."

- Solicit, collect, and discuss information on DTSC Public Outreach Program and other potential topics from affected residents, regulated community, other stakeholders, and DTSC at the Aug. meeting
- Assimilate and further discuss information on DTSC Public Outreach Program and other potential topics at the Sept. and Oct. meetings.
- Make recommendations on DTSC Public Outreach Program and other potential topics and develop metrics for determining success of implemented processes at the Oct. meeting.”

I respectfully request that you hold this meeting in West Hills, and that you hold the meeting later in the day (6:00 PM or later) to allow those stakeholders who would normally attend DTSC Open Houses in the evening the opportunity to attend and to speak about Public Outreach and other SSFL related concerns.

DTSC has held Open House meetings as well as meetings with their Groundwater Expert Panel at Corporate Pointe in West Hills. This area would be centrally located for stakeholders all around the SSFL site.

An SSFL site visit, a trip up and down Woolsey Canyon Road, and a meeting in West Hills will enable you to have a better understanding of the current SSFL conditions, where it is in relation to various communities, and to better envision the community surrounding the SSFL site when you discuss this project. Many people in West Hills have concerns related to offsite risk and whether there are cancer clusters related to the SSFL site in my community of West Hills among many others.

When I look at the documents that have been submitted to the Independent Panel and those who have attended your meetings, you have received an overwhelming large amount of input from SSFL stakeholders.

I would also like the opportunity to speak to each of the Panel members individually. I understand the Brown Act, and I do recognize that Panel members cannot communicate with each other regarding correspondence such as mine except at your committee meetings.

However, I do understand that the Chair with your staff members, Mr. Larry Rohlfes or Mr. Mike Singh, can choose to set up this August meeting location?

I urge you to please hold your August 2016 Independent Panel Meeting in West Hills.

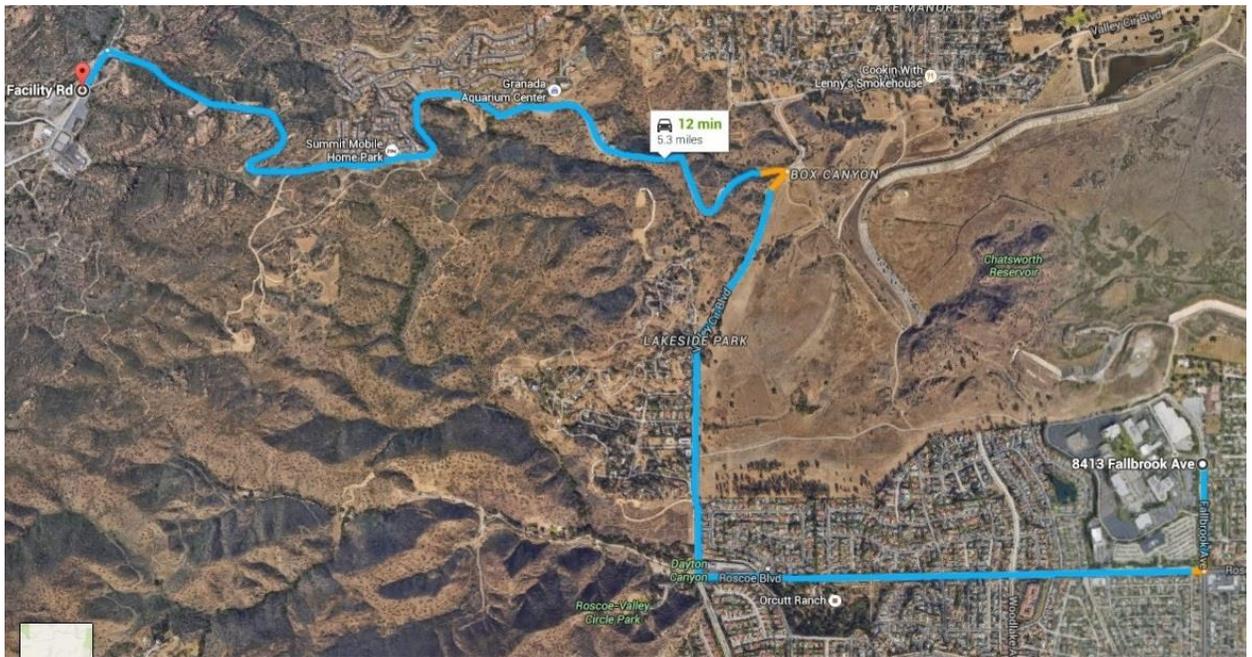
Respectfully,

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38 year resident of West Hills

About 5 miles from the SSFL site
Former DTSC Public Participation Group Member
DTSC Technical Stakeholder ~ 10 years
Former West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC) Board member –
(Elected official Advisory to the City of Los Angeles)
Former WHNC Public Health and Environment Committee Chair
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CC:

DTSC Director Barbara Lee
DTSC SSFL Project Manager Mark Malinowski
DTSC SSFL Public Participation Specialist Marcia Rubin
State Senator Fran Pavley
State Assembly member Matt Dababneh
State Senator Kevin De Leon



Map from SSFL Facility Road down Woolsey Canyon Road to Valley Circle Blvd, south to Roscoe Blvd, east to Fallbrook Ave – Corporate Pointe West Hills, California