NOTICE OF 45-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT NASA SSFL PHASE 1 GROUNDWATER CORRECTIVE MEASURE STUDY (CMS) & STATEMENT OF BASIS (SB) CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

On April 29, 2025, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) released for public comments the NASA Draft Phase 1 Groundwater Corrective Measures Study (CMS) and Draft DTSC Statement of Basis for groundwater cleanup at the NASA-administered portions of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) located in Ventura County, California. These documents are available for a 45-day comment period beginning April 29, 2025 and ending on June 10, 2025. An online public meeting to discuss the NASA Phase 1 groundwater project will be held on May 13, 2025 from 6 to 8 pm.

Under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Statement of Basis explains the rationale behind the proposed corrective actions based on the findings in the CMS. Public input throughout the corrective action process, including commenting on the Draft CMS and the Statement of Basis, is crucial for DTSC to ultimately select the most appropriate cleanup remedy to address NASA areas at SSFL with the highest groundwater and bedrock concentrations of trichloroethylene (TCE) and related chemicals.

The draft NASA Phase 1 CMS and draft DTSC Statement of Basis are noticed to carry out an activity within the scope of the SSFL July 2023 certified Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and the PEIR adequately describes the activity for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Any interested person is invited to review and provide written comments to the DTSC for consideration during the 45-day comment period from April 29, 2025 through June 10, 2025. The DTSC appreciates receiving written comments on the earliest possible date. Comments submitted or postmarked after June 10, 2025, are considered untimely and the DTSC may, but is not required to, respond to such comments, including those raising significant issues.

Comments can be submitted in the following ways:

- Verbally at the public meeting on May 13, 2025
- Online: <u>DTSC Public Comment Tool</u>
- Email: <u>DTSC_SSFLPublicComments@dtsc.ca.gov</u>
- Mail (Postmarked by June 10, 2025): DTSC, Attn: Paul Carpenter SSFL NASA GW CMS SB Phase 1 Public Comment 8800 Cal Center Drive Sacramento, CA 95826

On May 13, 2025 at 6-8 pm DTSC will host an online virtual public meeting for the project. A Zoom link to register for this public meeting is provided below. The meeting will include a presentation by DTSC SSFL technical staff to explain the NASA Phase 1 Groundwater Draft CMS and Statement of Basis followed by a public comment session. A court reporter will be present to record public comments provided at the meeting.

The public may submit public comments anonymously online or orally. Identifying information (name, place of residence or work) is not required to participate in a DTSC meeting or to offer public comments. Participants can request others comment on their behalf and may also request DTSC staff who receive public comments to read them aloud.

Zoom online meeting RSVP: https://bit.ly/NASAGWCMSSBPH1

Links to the NASA SSFL Phase 1 groundwater documents can be found on the DTSC website for the project: <a href="https://dtsc.ca.gov/santa_susana_field_lab/santa-susana-field_lab/santa

Printed copies of the documents are available for public inspection at:

- California State University Northridge Oviatt Library, 1811 Nordhoff St., 2nd Floor, Room 265, Northridge, CA 91330
- Hidden Hills City Hall, 6165 Spring Valley Road, Hidden Hills, CA 91302
- Simi Valley Library, 2969 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA 93063
- By appointment only at The Department of Toxic Substances Control, 9211 Oakdale Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311, (818) 717-6500

DTSC will respond to all comments received during public comment periods in a Response to Comments section of the Final Statement of Basis. Staff will only address comments that are responsive to this notice and additional documents noticed separately for public comment periods, received during designated comment opportunities.

To stay informed about the cleanup of SSFL and receive documents and notices of upcoming public comment periods, meetings, and workshops as they are announced, please subscribe to our email using the instructions at the DTSC SSFL home page: https://dtsc.ca.gov/santa_susana_field_lab/

The email list sends out email notifications and direct links when documents and notices are released. If you are unable to access the website with documents, would like a copy of the documents emailed to you, or if you have any questions, please contact us via email at DTSC_SSFLPublicComments@dtsc.ca.gov.

Requests for language services and reasonable accommodations should be made as soon as possible or at least five days in advance. DTSC will work diligently to accommodate late requests. Direct media inquiries to Elizabeth Leslie-Gassaway, Information Officer Specialist at the DTSC Office of Communications at (916) 282-8941, or by email at Elizabeth.Leslie-Gassaway@dtsc.ca.gov.