



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Ms. Barbara Lee
Director
Department of Toxic Substances Control
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Dear Ms. Lee:

The purpose of this letter is to request a meeting to discuss the mutual acknowledgement by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) that the comprehensive cleanup of soils and groundwater in Area IV and the Northern Buffer Zone of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in Simi Valley, California by 2017 will not occur.

As we both are aware, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is in the process of preparing an Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) consistent with Section 4 of the 2010 Administrative Order on Consent (2010 AOC) between DOE and DTSC. At the same time, DOE's Office of Environmental Management is working on an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), consistent with Section 6 of the 2010 AOC, which also impacts the schedule. That section of the AOC identifies a requirement that DOE complete an EIS pursuant to a 2007 summary judgment order of a federal district court. In January 2017, DOE issued for public comment a Draft EIS. Currently, DOE is evaluating the public comments received on the Draft EIS, as we continue to work toward complying with the court order. DOE will develop a Final EIS, which will address public comments, and issue a Record of Decision.

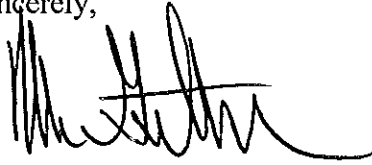
The completion of both the CEQA and the NEPA processes must occur before DOE can begin the comprehensive cleanup of soils and groundwater in Area IV and the Northern Buffer Zone. Therefore, DOE is unable to meet the 2017 cleanup expectations as described in the 2010 AOC.

During conversations with DTSC, the Director of DOE's Energy Technology and Engineering Center verbally notified DTSC that for the above reasons, the 2017 cleanup expectation was not likely to be met. Therefore, DOE is requesting a meeting with DTSC to begin discussions on schedules, as well as other appropriate matters that would facilitate completion of the soils and groundwater cleanup activities.



For further information and to coordinate a meeting, please have your staff contact Mr. John Jones, ETEC Federal Project Director, at (805) 416-0992.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Gilbertson', with a stylized, cursive script.

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