



# Energy Technology Engineering Center

Area IV, Santa Susana Field Laboratory

# CleanUpdate

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## New year, new changes for DOE

The new year has brought some new changes for the Department of Energy’s (DOE) team at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL).

One of the most notable changes is the new Secretary of Energy, Chris Wright, who was confirmed for the position on February 3.

At the site level, the SSFL team moved into its new office in January. We are now located in Suite 108 at 980 Enchanted Way. While the office has moved, our goal was to remain in Simi Valley close to SSFL because we are part of the community.

As we move into 2025, DOE has some exciting news! We are holding public scoping meetings for our Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. For more details on the meetings and the public scoping process, read more in this issue.

We look forward to staying connected with our stakeholders as we continue to move forward on cleanup progress at SSFL.

Sincerely,

Dr. Josh Mengers



DOE’s SSFL team relocated to its new office in January. Photo courtesy of Melissa Simon.

## DOE invites public to open house meeting

By Melissa Simon

The Department of Energy (DOE) is hosting an open house on March 18 to give the community an opportunity to learn about the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for cleanup at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL).

DOE formerly operated the Energy Technology Engineering Center (ETEC) in Area IV at SSFL. The SEIS will evaluate additional alternatives for soil remediation in Area IV and the Northern Buffer Zone.

The meeting will provide the public an opportunity to learn about the proposed alternatives, ask questions, and share ideas. Feedback will help DOE with proposing final, implementable cleanup plans for SSFL.

“We are striving to achieve an implementable soil cleanup standard that meets our previous agreement,” said Josh Mengers, federal project director at DOE’s ETEC site. “We want to partner with the community and get to final soils cleanup plans that are protective but also avoid doing more harm than good.”

The meeting will be at 6 p.m. in the Ballroom at the Grand Vista Hotel, 999 Enchanted Way in Simi Valley. This is the second public meeting hosted by DOE as part of the public scoping process for the SEIS; the first, a virtual meeting, was March 6.

DOE is requesting the public’s help to identify significant issues and concerns as well as determine the scope of impacts to analyze for proposed soil remediation at SSFL.

The public scoping comment period will be open until March 27.

For more information on the proposed action, scoping meetings and how to submit comments, visit [www.ssflareaiveis.com/seis](http://www.ssflareaiveis.com/seis) or scan the QR code.





## Looking Ahead

We want to hear from you! What questions do you have about the Santa Susana Field Lab? Tell us what you'd like to learn about the wildlife, plants, or other cleanup-related questions.

Email questions and comments to [etec@emcbc.doe.gov](mailto:etec@emcbc.doe.gov)

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Native milkvetch growing onsite at SSFL in May 2024. Photo courtesy of Pamela Hartman.



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