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Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing to request the public comment period for the Decommissioning and Decontamination Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis of Building 4024 be extended for a minimum of 30 days from the February 28, 2007 deadline.

My District Chief of Staff, Brian Miller attended the Community Meeting for the DOE Energy Technology Engineering Center- Santa Susana Field Laboratory Area IV, at the Grand Vista Hotel in Simi Valley last evening where a presentation was given on the decommissioning and decontamination of Building 4024. During the public comment portion following the presentation, it was apparent that no one in attendance was aware that public comment for this project was currently underway and would close in seven days. Most who attended were only given the document as they entered the meeting which made it impractical to comment completely because of the size and complexity of the project. Furthermore, my office as well as other Federal and State elected representatives in attendance did not receive notice on this project.

Due to the controversy over notification and in the spirit of good public policy, I am appealing that the public comment period for this project be extended. It is important that the community as well as the SSFL Working Group, which I helped to form, have an opportunity to provide input on this clean-up and that the public process be as transparent possible.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter.

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