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Headquarters
Washington, DC 20546-0001



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Reply to Attn of: Environmental Management Division

The Honorable Susan Bodine
Assistant Administrator
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response
Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Bodine:

At the November 20, 2008 Santa Susana Field Laboratory Workgroup meeting, Mr. Dan Hirsch, a member of the Workgroup, noted concern about NASA's letter to you dated October 28, 2008. Mr. Hirsch asked that we clarify our intent in sending that letter.

NASA supports the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposal for National Priorities Listing on a timetable consistent both with EPA's receipt of the State of California's response to EPA's request and with the regulatory process established for EPA's consideration and listing of sites.

NASA supports a process that will allow investigation and cleanup of the Santa Susana site to move forward as quickly as possible. We believe that this can be obtained if the site is listed on the National Priorities List and EPA and DTSC are in partnership on the regulatory oversight.

NASA remains committed to meeting its responsibility to cleaning up our property to protect the health and environment of our neighbors and any prospective users of the site.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-358-0230.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James S. Leatherwood", written over a horizontal line.

James S. Leatherwood
Director
Environmental Management Division

cc:

HQ/Facilities Engineering and Real Property Division/Mr. Bellinger

HQ/Office of the General Counsel/ Mr. Batkin

MSFC/ASIO/Mr. Elliott

DOE/Dr. Triay

DTSC/Mr. Riley