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The Honorable Julia Brownley
Assemblymember, 41st District
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Dear Assemblywoman Brownley:

Thank you for your letter of February 24, 2009 to Administrator Jackson concerning the Santa Susana Field Laboratory Site (SSFL) and the Environmental Protection Agency's role with respect to the SSFL Community Workgroup (CWG). Ms. Jackson has asked that I respond to your letter.

EPA agrees that the CWG provides a valuable source of information about SSFL for the community. With the strong support of Congressman Gallegly, your office and others, EPA has funded the quarterly SSFL CWG meetings since 1990. After the CalEPA decided that NPL listing was not in the best interests of the State, DTSC agreed to assume leadership responsibility for CWG meeting coordination. However, due to budget limitations and other concerns, DTSC is not able to secure funding for CWG costs at this time. Therefore, EPA will provide funding for the CWG from the funds that we receive from DOE. This will ensure that there are no interruptions in CWG meetings and this important community forum on SSFL will continue. We will continue to work with DTSC on securing long-term Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) funding of the CWG.

Thank you again for your letter and your ongoing efforts to support the CWG and the cleanup of the SSFL site. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or your staff may contact Mr. Jim Vreeland, Congressional Liaison, at (415) 947-4298.

Sincerely,

Laura Yoshii
Acting Regional Administrator

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