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Cindy Tuck  
Undersecretary  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
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Re: Santa Susana Field Laboratory, Ventura County

Dear Ms. Tuck:

I am writing following our February 8 discussion regarding the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL). I appreciate the opportunity to talk with you about SSFL given that Secretary Adams is on travel out of the country.

Last January, CalEPA let EPA know that the State did not support listing SSFL on the Superfund National Priorities List at that time. CalEPA also indicated that, if circumstances changed, the State reserved the right to change its position. As we discussed, EPA proposes sites for the National Priorities List twice a year (in the spring and in the fall). With that schedule in mind, I wanted to confirm the State's views on listing SSFL on the NPL.

You, on behalf of the State, conveyed in our telephone call that, while you appreciate that EPA only proposes sites for listing twice a year, the State's position continues to be that it does not support listing SSFL on the NPL at this time. EPA respects the State's position. If circumstances change and the State changes its position on listing, please let me know. As I shared with you, EPA has no intention of proceeding with NPL listing of SSFL over the objection of the State.

I greatly appreciate and value our collective efforts to coordinate state and federal communications and activities related to SSFL. Thank you for taking the time to discuss this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared Blumenfeld".

Jared Blumenfeld  
Regional Administrator