

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

July 11, 2019

The Honorable Rick Perry  
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The Honorable Jim Bridenstine  
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The Honorable Jared Blumenfeld  
Secretary for Environmental Protection  
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Dear Secretary Perry, Administrator Bridenstine, and Secretary Blumenfeld:

We write to express our strong support for ensuring a full cleanup of radiological and chemical contamination at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL).

As you know, decades of rocket engine and sodium reactor testing have left SSFL with widespread contamination, which poses a risk to the health of neighboring communities. A full cleanup of SSFL is a high public health and safety priority for our constituents, and it is vitally important that all three responsible parties maintain the highest clean-up standards that will fully protect the public health from harmful chemical and radionuclide contamination.

In 2007, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) issued a "Consent Order for Corrective Action" prescribing corrective actions for soil and groundwater chemical contamination in Areas I, II, III and IV, including a timetable for completion and stipulated penalties for non-compliance. The Order was jointly signed by DTSC and all three responsible parties, Boeing, DOE and NASA. Further, in 2010, DOE and NASA signed "Administrative Orders on Consent" with DTSC, which required a full cleanup to be completed by 2017.

We are deeply concerned that this required cleanup has not been completed and that the soil remediation has not even begun. Additionally, we are deeply concerned that DOE and NASA have publicly indicated that the agencies do not intend to comply with the longstanding SSFL clean-up agreement that DOE and NASA signed with the State of California. These agreements, which were supported by the state and the local community, were entered into in good faith and it is completely unacceptable that DOE and NASA are refusing to comply with these clean-up agreements.

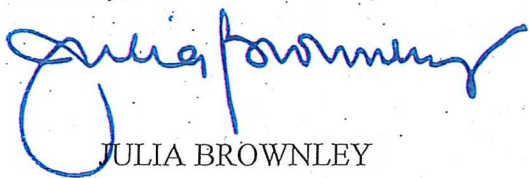
We urge DOE and NASA to undertake all steps necessary to fully and expeditiously carry out those Orders and take no actions contrary to them. Further, we urge DTSC to take all necessary actions to enforce these cleanup agreements.

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The number one priority must be a full cleanup of SSFL, as more than half a million people live within ten miles of the site. That is why it is also critical that all three responsible parties take effective actions to ensure a full cleanup of SSFL is completed in a timely manner.

We respectfully request an update on the cleanup status and actions DOE, NASA, and DTSC intend to take to comply with the longstanding cleanup agreements.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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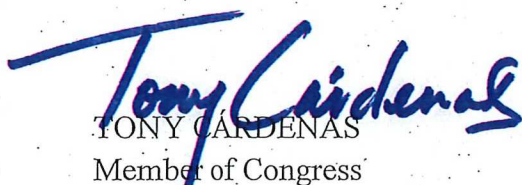
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