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Ventura County Board of Supervisors  
Hall of Administration  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

Re: Agenda Item No. 9(Public Comments).

Dear Members of the Board:

Since supervisors Parks and Huber were among 11 Ventura and Los Angeles counties elected officials who signed the letter that was sent to CalEPA's Secretary Jared Blumenfeld expressing "strong concerns about ongoing delays in the clean-up of this highly contaminated toxic waste site" (October 17, 2021, [vcstar.com](http://vcstar.com), "Study finds radioactive contamination migrated off field lab site during Woolsey Fire"), I kindly request, under the California Public Records Act, a copy of that letter.

When I read the September 10, 2021 news release of the "five-year" MOU that supports the U.S. EPA's and CalEPA's "shared goals of reducing pollution burdens, increasing environmental compliance, and improving public health outcomes in overburdened California communities", the SSFL clean-up agreements' playbook came to mind! Government agencies: will be accountable and responsive to compliance concerns with improved transparency and communication; will make it clear to violators legal action will be taken; want polluters to pay for health impacts caused to residents; and will highlight achievements in workplans and reports! This all sounds great on paper until reality kicks in!

The residents from the communities near the Santa Susana Field Laboratory(Rocketdyne) know all too well that nothing is set in stone! The responsible parties for cleaning up the radioactive and chemical contamination are backtracking on their agreements! Thousands of pounds of sodium coolant to date are not accounted for! Irradiated nuclear fuel from other Atomic Energy Commission and Department of Energy facilities from around the country were shipped to the Santa Susana Field Lab to be decladded and examined!

I for one will never forget that at one SSFL meeting a person in the audience detailed how millions of gallons of water used at the SSFL could easily be converted into potable water; company responded they were not purveyors! At first, community meetings were very informative, and as the years passed attendees were then met with agencies and owner(s) condescending attitudes! At a clean-up meeting, I got a tongue lashing when among my comments I covered water cross-contamination; I was told to be specific on the type!

While I hope and pray that the CalEPA, and U.S. EPA's first in the nation partnership MOU succeeds, I can't help but think that they are distancing themselves from their and other entities failures to clean-up the contamination on "The Hill"! Lest we forget, there are the 500,000 gallons of trichloroethylene that saturated the bedrock beneath the lab; that the 1959 nuclear reactor meltdown was far worse than the 1979 Three Mile Island incident; and the various issues that are documented in numerous reports, or reported in the news! Meanwhile the residents in the Ventura and Los Angeles counties' communities are being diagnosed with cancers, autoimmune illnesses, and other life-threatening medical conditions!

Have the 11 local elected officials heard from CalEPA Secretary Jared Blumenfeld since their letter(October 14, 2021(?)) was submitted?

Sincerely,

Teresa Jordan