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Ventura County Board of Supervisors  
800 S. Victoria Ave.  
Ventura, CA 93009

Members of the Board:

I am writing to express my strong support for Supervisor Parks' motion regarding the grading permit for soil removal at Outfalls 8 and 9 of the Santa Susana Field Lab property.

Allowing the Boeing Co. to remove soil without a discretionary permit and the proper environmental review, thus shutting out the public from the process, is not acceptable. The communities affected by what happened at the Santa Susana Field Lab were left in the dark for decades. Even today, it takes dogged persistence by activists and legislators to make sure the cleanup process is done in the light of day. A discretionary permit is the proper way to keep the public informed on this project.

There is no reason to rush soil removal on a site that is one of the most contaminated in the country. The meltdown at the Santa Susana Field Lab occurred 50 years ago last month. Since it was made public 30 years ago, this community has waited patiently for the mess to be cleaned up. We can wait a little bit longer to make sure it's cleaned up properly.

I urge you to adopt Supervisor Parks' motion and protect the health and safety of Ventura County residents. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fran Pavley".

Fran Pavley  
California State Senator  
District 23

Presented to the Board  
Re: Agenda of 8/04/09.  
Item # 21