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We understand many people continue to have questions and concerns about the cleanup of the former Santa Susana Field Laboratory and if past facility operations have affected the health of the local community. We would like to take this opportunity to clarify any confusion about Boeing's cleanup and future land use commitments at Santa Susana.

Boeing has made significant progress investigating, cleaning up and restoring Santa Susana. We have already removed a substantial amount of contaminated soil under the direction of two state agencies. We installed state-of-the-art treatment systems for cleaning groundwater and improving stormwater quality. We are ready to move forward and finish the soil cleanup to fulfill our responsibilities outlined in the 2007 agreement, as soon as the final remedy is selected by the state.

We remain as committed today as we were in 2007 to preserving our 2,400 acres at Santa Susana as undeveloped open space. As part of the cleanup, we will restrict our property so it will never be used for residential, commercial, industrial or agricultural purposes. Our commitment ensures that the cleanup protects people while also protecting the unique and valuable ecosystem to benefit wildlife and the community.

Boeing has referred to this commitment as a cleanup to the "suburban residential" standard that is applied generally throughout the state. This means we will clean up our portion of Santa Susana so it will be safe enough that someone could live there and be at the site every day if development was allowed. This level of cleanup is about ten times more protective of human health than is required for the site's future use as undeveloped open space. We are taking this extra step because we recognize people are concerned and we want to be able to say with confidence that our cleanup more than meets health and safety protective goals.

The investigation and cleanup requires a long process for such a large and complex site. We continue to follow that regulatory process with transparency and full community participation. There will continue to be opportunities for the public to provide input on the investigation and plans for cleanup. The final cleanup plan will be approved by the Department of Toxic Substances Control after the public has been able to review and comment on the documents. The cleanup that DTSC approves for Santa Susana will ensure the continued protection of the community.

Through extensive community outreach, we have long responded to any questions and concerns our neighbors have about the potential health impacts of past facility operations. To provide reassurance, we point to a number of community health studies that have been conducted over the past 25 years. These studies all conclude that there is no definitive evidence that past facility operations have affected the health of the local community. In addition, in an April 2013 letter to the mayor of Simi Valley, DTSC stated, "To date we have not found evidence of off-site contamination from SSFL that would pose a risk to human health or the environment." These findings, together with a fully protective cleanup, mean Santa Susana can be safely enjoyed by future generations.



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The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is going to conduct another study that looks at all the data collected over many years and considers the possibility for off-site exposure. They will also look at plans for cleanup and whether the proposed cleanup plans will be protective. One thing is clear: proceeding with the cleanup should be everyone's goal.

Santa Susana sits within a crucial habitat linkage frequented by mountain lions and many other species. It is a site rich in Native American heritage. We want to protect these invaluable natural and cultural resources for the future, which is why we will take the actions necessary to clean up, preserve and protect Santa Susana as undeveloped open space for the benefit of wildlife and enjoyment by people.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have additional questions. I can be reached at [david.w.dassler@boeing.com](mailto:david.w.dassler@boeing.com) or (818) 466-8733. We also provide additional information and resources on our website at [www.boeing.com/santasusana](http://www.boeing.com/santasusana).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David W. Dassler'.

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