

Appendix G. Interview Documentation

In the course of the study, various residents in the SSFL area have approached members of the study team and shared information that exemplified their concerns about SSFL's impact on their community. The tables below summarize examples of the kind of information provided by concerned residents. The identities of the residents are concealed to protect their privacy.

Name/Affiliation:	██████████
Address/City:	Erringer Road and Cochran St. (about 3 miles north of the lab).
Contact(s):	██████████
Phone:	██████████
Date:	4/30/2003
Site Name:	West Hills and Simi Valley
Comments:	<p>Mr. X ██████████ was a resident of West Hills from 1975 through 1981, between the ages of 15 and 21. Mr. X lived in Simi Valley since 1990. He walked his dog 2-3 times per week at night, and rode his Jeep up into the hills frequently (Castle Peak at Bell Canyon). First got sick in April 2000, and in Sept. 2000 was diagnosed with Graves' Disease. Has been diagnosed with different diseases from stiff person syndrome to dystonia (muscle and nerve disease). ██████████</p> <p>██████████ He went from a diagnosis of hyperthyroidism 2 years ago to hypothyroidism (slowed-down metabolism). His doctors now suspect he may have Sjogren's syndrome, an autoimmune disease that attacks the saliva glands. He was referred to the National Institute of Health (Maryland), and is awaiting those results. The study team was informed that one of his neighbors has Graves' disease; another has lung cancer (see the last table). There were no physical problems until after he moved to Simi Valley. His parents still live in West Hills (Highlander and Valley Circle) and are physically fine. He experienced breathing difficulties and voice impairment during our interview when moving into other rooms.</p>

Name/Affiliation:	██████████
Address/City:	Previous Address: ██████████ Ballard St., Simi Valley, CA., 93065 (In the Santa Santa Susana Knoll Present Address: Erringer Rd. and Cochran St., Simi Valley, CA (Orangewood)
Phone:	██████████
Date:	April 31, 2003
Site Name:	Simi Valley
Comments:	<p>██████████ Ms. X and Mr. XX lived at the previous address (above) for 13 years. They have a few kids and pets. ██████████ was an avid gardener, growing pumpkins, bell peppers, tomatoes, and various other vegetables, which they consumed regularly. She was outside regularly with her children; claims her house was a "meeting place for the neighborhood kids." She remembers hearing huge blasts during the day from Rocketdyne. She also remembers a strong sulfurous smell around her house; when she called the fire department she was told it was her sewer system. In 1987, there was a spill in the area and everyone was evacuated (he believes it was due to ammonia). ██████████ She was diagnosed with thoracic outlet syndrome (a musculoskeletal disease). She was also diagnosed with Graves' disease (hyperthyroidism) early this year (2003) and Hashimoto's syndrome. (She is 38.) On Dec. 24, 2002 she was diagnosed with heart disease. ██████████</p> <p>██████████. She says her symptoms began a year ago. She started having heart palpitations, her hair fell out, and she lost 55 pounds. She says she is in constant pain and shakes all the time. Her oldest and youngest boys have asthma (not in her or her husband's family). The oldest boy has had 6-inch tumors on his jaw line (lymph nodes) and problems with reoccurring ringworm infections since he was 14 (now he's 20). (There was a big outbreak at his high school, ██████████ when he was younger.) Her 7-year old son has cystic fibrosis (also not in either family). (██████████ has mapped sick residents in the area.) She receives calls from people who have lupus, cancer, Graves' disease, various thyroid diseases, Moersch-Woltman syndrome, etc. She has mapped 50-60 people with thyroid diseases in Simi Valley. Presently they get their water from American Water Co. (AWC). The previous house received its water from AWC.</p>

Name/Affiliation:	[REDACTED]
Address/City:	[REDACTED]
Phone:	[REDACTED]
Site Name:	Simi Valley
Comments:	[REDACTED] Ms. X has lived in Simi Valley since 1976. She was diagnosed with Graves' disease, breast cancer, and Hodgkin's lymphoma. [REDACTED]. She has had two dogs die of thyroid disease.

Name/Affiliation:	[REDACTED]
Phone:	[REDACTED]
Comments:	Dr. X [REDACTED] has seen 12-13 cases of thyroid disease in the last three months (Jan 2003-April, 2003).

Name/Affiliation:	[REDACTED]
Phone:	[REDACTED]
Comments:	[REDACTED] Ms. X has been living in Simi Valley since 1964. She is an elementary school teacher [REDACTED]. She claims that there is a significant number of teachers that have lupus/thyroid diseases ([REDACTED] [Lupus]).

Name/Affiliation:	[REDACTED]
Comments:	[REDACTED] Mr. X is in his late teens [REDACTED] and has lived north of Simi Valley all his life. He camped at Sage Ranch frequently and even admits to breaking into Rocketdyne on occasion when younger (as other kids have been known to do). He attends a local [REDACTED] High School. He heard blasts and saw black plumes about 3 times a week in his early growing years. (The last plume was about two months prior to the interview). He has developed 3 tumors on his neck. Two were removed and another is growing. His doctor thinks he may have Hodgkin's lymphoma but a definitive diagnosis has not been reached.

Name/Affiliation:	[REDACTED]
Address/City:	Erringer Road and Cochran St. (About 3 miles north of the lab).
Date:	5/2/2003
Site Name:	Simi Valley
Comments:	[REDACTED] Mr. X, is a middle-aged resident [REDACTED] of Simi Valley. He has lived in the area for 20 years. He was diagnosed with lung cancer about 3.5 years ago [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. He does not smoke. One of [REDACTED]. His brother-in-law lived nearby, and died of lung cancer 10 years ago. His mother and another brother-in-law, both residents of the same neighborhood, also suffer from thyroid-related conditions.