

Congresswoman Julia Brownley  
State Senator Fran Pavley

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we announce the resumption of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) Inter-Agency Work Group and invite you to its next meeting, February 5, 6:30 p.m. at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center. Founded by then-Congressman Elton Gallegly, the Work Group has, for more than two decades, been the primary way for members of the nearby communities to learn, on a quarterly basis, about the radioactive and chemical contamination at SSFL and for the public to hear from the responsible agencies on efforts to clean it up.

Over the years, SSFL housed ten nuclear reactors, a plutonium fuel fabrication facility, and a “hot lab” for cutting up irradiated nuclear fuel. One reactor suffered a partial meltdown; other accidents and releases contributed to radioactive contamination of soil, groundwater and surface water. Additionally, tens of thousands of rocket tests resulted in the release of a range of chemically hazardous pollutants.

In 2010, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) entered into cleanup agreements with the U.S. Department of Energy and NASA to clean up their portions of SSFL. Other agreements and laws control the cleanup of the remaining Boeing parts of the site.

You are receiving this letter because you had previously signed up to be notified of upcoming Work Group meetings. To be informed of subsequent quarterly meetings, however, you need to send in the enclosed reply card with your email and/or street address.

We are pleased that the SSFL Inter-Agency Work Group, important to assuring effective cleanup, is resuming. We invite you to attend the upcoming February 5 meeting, the agenda for which is described in the attachment, and the meetings that follow.

Sincerely yours,

Julia Brownley  
Member of Congress

Fran Pavley  
California State Senator