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DOE to Prepare EIS for Area IV Remediation at Santa Susana Field Laboratory; DOE Restructures Boeing Contract

Canoga Park, CA -- The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Environmental Management today announced that it will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for remediation of Area IV, which consists of 290 acres in the 2,400 acre Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL). DOE will issue an Advance Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS this fall and include extensive input from the local community and public as well as state and federal regulatory officials in the EIS development.

DOE also notified its contractor, The Boeing Company, that cleanup activities at ETEC, which have been halted since May 24, 2007, will be stopped. DOE will restructure the existing contract with the Boeing Company to discontinue planned decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) activities. The restructured contract will include surveillance, maintenance, and environmental monitoring work, including soil and groundwater characterization required under state regulations, while DOE prepares an EIS.

SSFL is owned by The Boeing Company (2,400 acres) and by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (450 acres) and located between Chatsworth and Simi Valley, California. DOE is responsible for cleanup work in the 290 acres of Area IV, where the Energy Technology Engineering Center is located. DOE has leased these 290 acres since 1996 from the Boeing Company. Predecessor companies of the Boeing Company, including the Rocketdyne Division of Rockwell International Corporation, conducted nuclear research work and testing of nuclear powered systems for DOE and its predecessor agencies in this area until 1988.

On May 2, 2007, the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California ordered DOE to conduct an EIS for Area IV of SSFL in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. On May 24, 2007, DOE ordered Boeing to suspend all physical decontamination and decommissioning work at the ETEC. Final cleanup and remediation at ETEC will be determined by the outcome of the EIS, following extensive public review and comment.

Additional information on ETEC is available at: <http://apps.em.doe.gov/etec/>

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