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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman  
Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

I write regarding the cleanup of Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) and the Energy Technology and Engineering Center (ETEC). I would appreciate it if you would assure the impacted communities and myself that these sites will be cleaned up to the highest standards.

It has come to my attention that the Department of Energy plans to end its clean-up of radioactive material at SSFL next year. Is that correct? I request that you provide me with a schedule for the close-out of the cleanup of radioactive material, identifying what DOE intends to do and by when. Please also indicate whether DOE will commission a site-wide site characterization by the Environmental Protection Agency to identify remaining radioactive contamination, as the Department previously committed to do.

I also understand that DOE has decided to conduct the cleanup of Building 4024 and the Radioactive Materials Handling Facility (RMHF) in conformance with CERCLA and the 1995 Joint DOE-EPA Policy on Decommissioning Department of Energy Facilities under CERCLA. Will the Department complete the cleanup of the full site consistent with CERCLA standards and procedures?

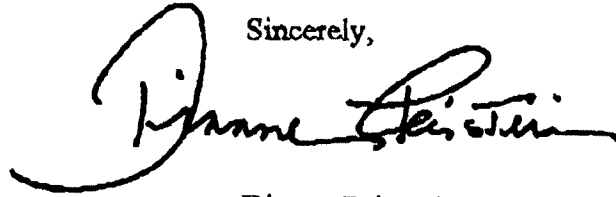
I am concerned that the Engineering Evaluation/Cost Assessment (EE/CA) announced that these contaminated areas could be released for unrestricted residential use.

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Thank you very much for your attention to this important matter about the future of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site. I look forward to a prompt response to the concerns raised in this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dianne Feinstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

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