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Mr. Thomas Johnson
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Re: Follow-up to Comments on Draft EE/CAs: RMHF and Building 4024
Santa Susana Field Laboratory, Ventura County, California

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The purpose of this letter is to follow-up on EPA's comments on the Draft Engineering Evaluation/Cost Assessment (EE/CA) for the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) which I provided to DOE in a letter dated January 11, 2007. EPA's comments provided an approach to decontaminating and decommissioning (D&D) certain buildings (RMHF and Building 4024) that is consistent with CERCLA for these specific and limited removal actions. The EE/CAs require DOE to prepare a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for the Final Status Survey that addresses the levels of concern for contaminants as provided in Table 2-1. Furthermore, a map clearly delineating the area that has been (and has not been) surveyed and classified for re-use is also to be provided.

EPA would like to clarify that while CERCLA is the context for our comments on the EE/CAs, our January 11, 2007 letter had no bearing on our evaluation of DOE's general approach to the cleanup under the Atomic Energy Act at the broader Site. Specifically, EPA's concerns about DOE's *Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)* dated March 2003 remain as documented in a letter from Arlene Kabei, Associate Director of EPA's Waste Management Division to Henry DeGraca, Director, Environmental Programs, DOE Oakland dated December 5, 2003.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to consult to DOE on the EE/CAs for the buildings at RMHF and 4024, and resources permitting, we look forward to future consultations in the pursuit of protection of human health and the environment at SSFL. If you have any questions about the above, please call me at (415) 271-1255.

Sincerely,

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