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It appears that the email below failed to reach several DOE recipients, including Secretary Wright.

Secretary Wright, please consider opening a dialogue with the California DTSC with the view of terminating the 2010 AOC.

The Inspector General should also consider this a formal complaint of wasteful expenditure of taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,

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Dear Secretary Wright and Director Butler,

I write to you today to raise your awareness of the unacceptable conflict between the State of California and the federal government over radiologic cleanup requirements for the DOE's Energy Technology Engineering Center (ETEC) at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) in Ventura County, California.

For over 15 years ETEC has conducted environmental remediation and nuclear decommissioning under a state-ordered Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). This AOC is in clear conflict with both past federal practice and with current federal actions resulting from Presidential Executive Order 14300.

I respectfully request that DTSC and DOE agree to terminate the 2010 AOC and replace it with more conventional remedies in line with the rest of the U.S.

Please see attached or online letter at

https://philrutherford.com/SSFL/2010_AOC/2026-04-06_Open_Letter_to_Wright_and_Butler.pdf

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