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Mr. Phil Rutherford
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RE: PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST; PRA#: PR8-031025-02 – Final Response

Dear Mr. Rutherford,

On March 7th, 2025, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) received your California Public Records Act (PRA) request for records related to interactions between individuals at DTSC, the California Environmental Protection Agency, State Senator Shiela Kuehl, and Daniel Hirsch related to the Santa Susana Field Laboratory and SB 990, among several additional related topics. DTSC produced responsive records to you on May 26, 2025, June 30, 2025, August 1, 2025, September 5, 2025, and November 21, 2025.

On December 31, 2025 the Office of Legal Counsel spoke to you by phone to discuss the documents produced and learned that you wanted to request to expand your March 7, 2025 request. On January 1, 2026 you wrote to request DTSC expand the records search as follows:

“I request all available communications in DTSC’s possession (emails, letters, telecon transcripts, meeting presentations, meeting minutes, etc), from August 2009 and December 2010, related to the development of the 2010 AOCs, between (inter and intra) the following organizations/individuals,

- Dan Hirsch, Committee to Bridge the Gap
- DTSC management including, but not limited to, Maziar Movassaghi and Rick Brausch,
- DTSC’s Office of Legal Counsel
- CalEPA management, including but not limited to Linda Adams,

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- California legislators (and staffers), including Shiela Kuehl, Julia Brownley, and Fran Pavley,
- LA City Councilmember, Greig Smith,
- Ventura County Supervisor, Linda Parks
- U.S. Senators, Barbara Boxer, and Diane Feinstein
- Department of Energy management
- NASA management
- Boeing management”

DTSC has completed its search for and review of records in its possession that are responsive to your January 1, 2026 expanded request. Please be advised that DTSC made redactions to records under the PRA to protect personal or private information. (Gov. Code, §§ 7927.700, 7927.705, 7928.300, and 7928.300).

The email to which this cover letter was attached includes a link to this final production of responsive documents to your March 7, 2025 PRA, inclusive of the expanded PRA request on January 1, 2026.

Please contact me at anaeis.minasmasihi@dtsc.ca.gov if you wish to address any matter concerning your PRA request.

Sincerely,

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