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Interested Parties:

Thank you for your expressed interest in the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) site and the State's response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) regarding whether or not U.S. EPA should place the site on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL).

Over the past two weeks, I have hosted meetings and discussions with community members, organizations and environmental and public health organizations regarding the site and this important issue. These meetings have also included members of local, state and federal officials' staff. The meetings have been very productive, and as a result, Resources Agency Secretary Chrisman and I are signing today a Letter of Intent with the community, environmental and public health organizations regarding the State's listing recommendation (copy of LOI attached). These organizations concur with the State's request to U.S. EPA to defer for six months its decision regarding whether to propose NPL listing for the SSFL site. The State is requesting this deferral because of the significant progress that the State has made in recent months relative to the SSFL site.

Consistent with the LOI, and on behalf of the Governor, I have communicated to U.S. EPA our request that their decision on NPL listing be deferred (a copy of the letter to U.S.EPA is also attached). This additional time will allow the State to negotiate formal agreements with Boeing for the cleanup of the site and to fully evaluate possible impacts and ramifications of an NPL listing on achieving the goal of a comprehensive, protective and expedited cleanup of the site.

Lastly, I have communicated to Senator Kuehl that a bill to amend SB 990 (Chapter 729, Statutes of 2007) is not necessary and that the Administration is permanently relieving the Senator of her commitment to carry such legislation (a copy of the letter to Senator Kuehl is also attached). After our recent discussions with members of the community and stakeholder groups and further evaluation of the bill's requirements, we no longer believe that clean-up legislation is necessary.

Again, thank you for your interest. If you need additional information, please feel free to

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