Santa Susana Mountain Park Association
Dedicated to the Preservation of the Simi Hills and Santa Susana Mountains
P.O. Box 4831 Chatsworth, CA 91313-4831

SSMPA PUBLIC PRESENTATION:

Sodium Reactor Experiment:

Myths and Facts about the SRE Accident

7pm, Sept. 15th, 2025



The "lightning rod" for community attention at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory is undoubtedly the 1959 Sodium Reactor Experiment accident. The presentation will describe the accident, the numerous studies that have been done since, and investigate what, if any, offsite impacts have resulted from the accident.



Phil Rutherford received his B.A. in Physics from Oxford University in 1971 and his M.S. in Nuclear Engineering from Birmingham University (UK) in 1972. He managed all aspects of occupational and environmental radiation protection, and nuclear decommissioning at SSFL from 1990 to 2015 until his retirement. He has lived in West Hills within three miles of SSFL for the last thirty-seven years, where he and his wife Parvin raised their family. Parvin was also employed by Rocketdyne for twenty-seven years as an aerospace engineer working on all Rocketdyne's rocket engine propulsion systems

The presentation will take place at the **Rockpointe HOA Clubhouse**,
22300 Devonshire St., Chatsworth.
Where Devonshire and Valley Circle meet. Ample Street Parking Available.
For Further Questions (or answers) please call John Luker VP SSMPA @ ***818 371-7918***