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**Environmental Impact Statement Process Plan for Area IV Santa Susana Field
Laboratory**

Background

The Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL), owned by the Boeing Company, is located 30 miles north of Los Angeles, California. Most of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory, which totals 2,850 acres, is the property of Boeing. The Energy Technology Engineering Center (ETEC) is located within Area IV of the SSFL and occupies 90 acres of the 290 acres leased by the Department of Energy (DOE). Area IV was primarily used by the DOE for research and development activities.

On May 2, 2007 the District Court Judge, issued a Summary Judgment in the case brought by the Natural Resource Defense Council, the Committee to Bridge the Gap and the City of Los Angeles against DOE. This decision required that DOE must:

- Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and,
- Enjoins the DOE from transferring ownership or possession of any portion of Area IV until DOE has completed the EIS and issued a Record of Decision.

Outline of Steps to Conduct EIS

Pre-Scoping Phase—July-December 2007

This phase will be conducted through the summer and early fall of 2007 and consists:

- Review of existing documents and history
- Identify core team
- Plan for EIS
- Conduct pre-scoping stakeholder and congressional involvement including interviews and meetings to develop input for sampling and analysis plans, scoping format and process, and nature and extent of scope of EIS
- Interact with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), Boeing, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- Prepare task order for Indefinite Delivery/ Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) contractor to conduct EIS and to conduct sampling/analytical gap analysis with potential additional sampling
- Award task orders
- Prepare and publish in Federal Register Advance Notice of Intent to conduct EIS

Scoping Phase-- January-February 2008

- Prepare and publish Notice of Intent
- Scoping Meetings
- Scoping report
- Discuss input and develop plan for analysis for EIS

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Screening Phase—January through August 2008

- Integrate sampling and analysis plan
- Integrate data
- Develop and conduct alternative evaluation

Draft EIS—September 2008 through February 2009

- Document development
 - Purpose for and Need for Action
 - Affected environment
 - Alternative evaluation
 - Environmental Consequences

Public Process Draft EIS—February through June 2009

- Notice of Availability
- Public Hearings
- Public Comment period

Prepare Final EIS—June-August 2009

- Prepare final EIS
- Prepare responses to public comment
- Notice of Availability of Final EIS

Decision Making Phase—August through September 2009

- Prepare Record of Decision
- Approval process Record of Decision
- Public notice