

April 9, 2026

Submitted via The White House webmail platform, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>

Dear President Trump,

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 DOE/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.

President Trump, I would appreciate your support for this endeavor and request that you encourage Energy Secretary Wright to initiate these discussions.

For scientific, legal and regulatory bases for this request, please see online letter at ... https://philrutherford.com/SSFL/2010_AOC/2026-04-06_Open_Letter_to_Wright_and_Butler.pdf.

Sincerely,

Phil Rutherford