

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL)

Status of Interim Cleanup of SSFL Area I Burn Pit and Upcoming Building Demolition

In 2022, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) issued an order to the Boeing Company (Boeing) directing it to conduct an interim soil cleanup in the Area I Burn Pit. Boeing has completed the excavation activities following the DTSC-approved Removal Action Workplan.

The interim removal action is part of a broader phased cleanup effort. More than 18,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil were removed from Area I Burn Pit and disposed of at an appropriate offsite disposal facility.



Figure 1 – Area I Burn Pit in 2024 prior to start of excavation.

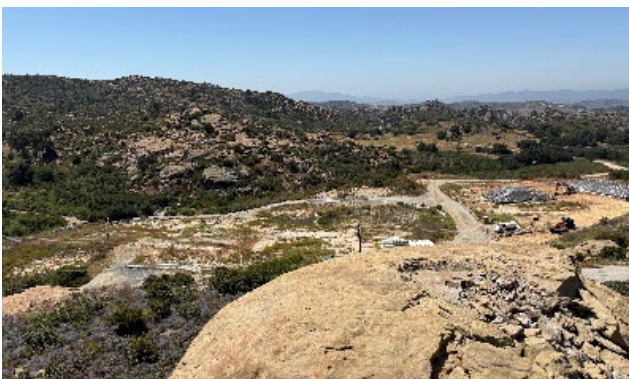


Figure 2 – Area I Burn Pit at end of excavation in 2026.

Background

Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) is a 2,850-acre site in Ventura County where rocket engine testing ceased in 2006, and nuclear research ended in 1988. Boeing, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and in the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) are identified as the three Responsible Parties for the Site

Reasons for the cleanup

The soil cleanup removed contamination to protect wildlife and to prevent soil and water run-off and migration of contamination from the site. Additionally, the soil cleanup removed radionuclides above lookup table values to a depth of 10 feet below ground surface.

Reporting

Boeing will submit a Removal Action Implementation Report. This report will include a summary of the field activities completed, volumes of excavated materials sent offsite to landfills, the results of confirmation sampling, and field forms that document the removal action.

Building demolition

Boeing plans to start demolition of their buildings in Area IV in late August. For more information, please see Ventura County webpage.

[Ventura County – CEQA Notice of Exemption](#)

[Ventura County – Building Permit Application](#)

About Us

DTSC's mission is to protect California's people, communities, and environment from toxic substances, to enhance economic vitality by restoring contaminated land, and to compel manufacturers to make safer consumer products.

Find the Removal Action Workplan and other documents at

https://dtsc.ca.gov/santa_susana_field_lab/ssfl_document_library/

SSFL Information Repositories

Copies of the documents are available at the following SSFL Information Repositories:

Cal State University, Northridge Oviatt Library

18111 Nordhoff Street
2nd Floor, Room 265
Northridge, CA 91330
818-677-3465
Contact: Reference Librarian

DTSC Chatsworth Regional Office

9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, CA 91311
818-717-6544
Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Schedule an appointment

Hidden Hills City Hall

6165 Spring Valley Road
Hidden Hills, CA 91302
818-888-9281

Simi Valley Library

2969 Tapo Canyon Road
Simi Valley, CA 93063
805-526-1735

Learn more about the project

Visit the SSFL website:

https://dtsc.ca.gov/santa_susana_field_lab/

Or scan the QR code:



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Visit the project webpage

<https://dtsc.ca.gov/santa-susana-field-laboratory-area-i-burn-pit/>

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DTSC STREAM portal at

<https://stream.ssfl.dtsc.ca.gov/>, or email
DTSC_SSFLCleanup@dtsc.ca.gov



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