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### State Reaches Final Draft Agreement on SSFL Cleanup with DOE

SACRAMENTO, CA – After years of negotiations and receipt of more than 1,700 public comments supporting the “agreements in principle” between the Federal Department of Energy (DOE) and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) for the cleanup of the Santa Susana Field Lab (SSFL) property in Simi Valley, a final draft agreement is now available for public comment until November 22, 2010. Unless there are significant new comments that require further study, a final agreement will be executed on December 6.

The “agreement in principle”, which formed the substance of this final draft agreement was made available for public comment in September 2010. The agreement in principle provided the framework for the final draft agreement announced today. It meets the stringent environmental standards set by California and embraces an accelerated clean up approach. DOE requested this additional comment period to give interested parties the opportunity to review the final agreement.

“This final draft agreement meets the high bar we have set for the SSFL property cleanup and reflects the public comments we have received,” said Linda Adams, Secretary for the California Environmental Protection Agency, of which DTSC is a part. “We recognize this is a significant breakthrough, and applaud DOE for stepping up.”

“We believe this agreement to clean up to background levels will ensure protection of human health and the environment,” said Dr. Ines Triay, Assistant Secretary of Environmental Management at the U.S. Department of Energy. “We appreciate the commitment of Secretary Adams and her team to moving this process forward successfully. The Department looks forward to reviewing the public comments, executing the agreement by December 6th and getting on with the work of cleaning up the site.”

The public can view the final draft agreement at:

[http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Santa\\_Susana\\_Field\\_Lab/SSFL-Cleanup.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Santa_Susana_Field_Lab/SSFL-Cleanup.cfm)

Comments can be submitted through November 22, 2010 at: [ssfl@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:ssfl@dtsc.ca.gov)

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