



October 1st, 2013

Allen Elliott, SSFL Program Director
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Huntsville, AL 35812

RE: Comments on the NASA DEIS for the Headwaters of the Los Angeles River (Area II/SSFL)

Dear Mr. Elliott,

As President and Founder of Friends of the Los Angeles River (FoLAR) and on its behalf, I want to thank you in advance for consideration of these comments as the outcome of the NASA DEIS will have a direct impact on the Los Angeles River, as the property in question is its headwaters.

We feel that a proper cleanup as outlined in the 2010 Administrative Orders on Consent (AOC) is essential. This is what NASA has committed to, and we trust NASA will live up to those commitments.

We note that the NASA DEIS considers leaving in place old rocket test stands, yet, a great deal of the chemical contamination lies beneath them, as well as asbestos and lead are within the remaining structures. To clean up the contamination the test stands must be removed.

FoLAR understands the significance of the Burro Flats Caves used by our native people and is thankful that the AOC already provides protections for recognized Native American artifacts. The EIS needs to make this clear -- there is no risk whatsoever to the Burro Flats cave paintings because the AOC exempts such artifacts from the clean up to background requirement.

The "No Action" alternative within the DEIS should not be considered as it violates an agreement already in place (AOC) that will clean up the NASA and Department of Energy portions of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory to background levels, protecting the communities downstream. The AOC must be complied with, in full.

Sincerely,

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