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To: Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board

From: Janet Murphy,

**Re: Comments on the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form for the Burro Flats Cultural District**

As a concerned mother, grandmother, and longtime resident of Ventura County, I am writing to demand that the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board refuse NASA's recent proposal to nominate the entire 2,850 acres of the Santa Susana Field Lab to the National Register of Historic Places, unless and until the complete cleanup of the toxic contamination present on site has been fully carried out by the responsible parties (an agreement to which they are legally bound).

The basis of NASA's nomination lies in the false claim that the land of SSFL has retained a pristine quality, thus making it a valuable cultural resource which must not be disturbed by any cleanup activities. This is an obvious attempt to shirk any legal and moral responsibility that NASA, along with Boeing and DOE, has in poisoning this land.

Where was their regard for the cultural integrity of this sacred land when they desecrated it in the first place during decades of irresponsible toxic waste disposal methods, extensive earth-moving activities, and polluting activities from onsite rocket testing and a partial nuclear meltdown?

In NASA's 70-page proposal, they somehow fail to include any mention of the immense pollution and its role within it. To allow NASA to be exempted from its responsibility to clean up this land that it has damaged so completely is to willingly place in jeopardy the lives of the people living on or near this land, as well as the health of this ecosystem and anyone who may wish to visit it in the future including Native Americans.