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

I am writing today to ask the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board to postpone the nomination of the Santa Susana Field Lab as a culturally historic place until after a complete cleanup of the field lab has been completed.

The cleanup of SSFL is essential to protect both the communities currently living around the site and those who will use it in the future. The proposal by NASA, which falsely claims the site is in pristine condition, does not once mention the extensive and well documented contamination present at the site and is a clear attempt by NASA to get out of their legally binding cleanup agreements.

The administrative order on consent (AOC) which NASA signed in 2010 clearly outlines the cleanup that must occur, with exceptions made only for officially recognized cultural artifacts. If you allow this proposal to go through, NASA can push to claim the entire site as exempt, putting many people at risk from the contamination that NASA will no longer have to clean up. It is not safe and should not even be considered.

I fully support returning the land to the Native people it was taken from, but only after NASA and the other parties fulfill their promises and clean the site up so that it is truly safe for the community.

Sincerely,

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