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Ms. Christina Walsh
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Dear Christina,

The purpose of this letter is to recognize the specific contributions you and cleanuprocketdyne.org have made to EPA's radiological studies at the Santa Susana Field Lab (SSFL) located in eastern Ventura County, California. SSFL is a 3,000 acre facility with a complex legacy of chemical and radiological contamination.

In particular, we would like to recognize the technical assistance you provided as EPA kicked off two important projects at SSFL, a Radiological Soil Background Study and a Radiological Soil Characterization Assessment. Using your skills with global positioning system equipment, you were able to advise EPA on potential locations miles away from SSFL that were not affected by onsite releases of contamination and therefore suitable for our soil background study. In addition, your skills with Google Maps and Google Earth assisted EPA's contractor build site maps, technical investigation plans and informational posters for public meetings.

Throughout EPA's ongoing radiological soil characterization study, you shared your extensive knowledge of SSFL history and its environs with the EPA technical representatives and interested community members. You have always been open and generous with sharing your impressive collection of site-related documents, site photographs, contacts with former SSFL workers and personal knowledge of site past activities. Your willingness to volunteer your time, share information, and stay involved with EPA's project has helped ensure that EPA's study addresses the needs and interests of the community living near SSFL.

We at EPA sincerely appreciate your invaluable time and assistance. We sincerely hope that you and cleanuprocketdyne.org will continue to stay involved in our important work at SSFL.

Sincerely,

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