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Subject: Interim Source Removal Action (ISRA) Outfall 9 at the Santa Susana
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Dear Sam:

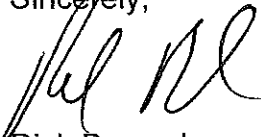
This letter is a follow up to our recent call regarding the disposal of ISRA Outfall 9 cleanup soils contaminated with radioactive constituents, including Cesium-137. As you are aware, The Boeing Company (Boeing), on behalf of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), has proposed disposal of the soils at either the Chemical Waste Management Kettleman Hills or Clean Harbor Buttonwillow hazardous waste facilities. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has been and continues to work with the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to ensure that the disposal of the soils at either of the facilities is consistent with their respective hazardous waste disposal facility permits.

approaching rainy season, and the potential consequences of delays to the work. As I explained during the call, our actions should not be considered an impediment to the timely implementation and completion of the ISRA actions. As we discussed, we encourage you to work with Boeing and NASA to also explore other disposal options that would be available without delay. These options include shipping the contaminated soils to another facility that has authorization to receive these types of wastes, or to excavate and containize the contaminated soils on-site pending the completion of DPR's analysis and DTSC's assessment of the facilities' permits.

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