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

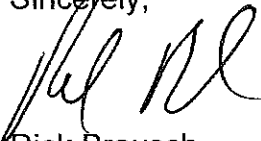
This letter is a follow up to our recent call regarding the disposal of ISRA Outfall 9 cleanup soils contaminated with radioactive constituents, including Cesium-137. As you are aware, The Boeing Company (Boeing), on behalf of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), has proposed disposal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

I understand the time-sensitive nature of the removal work being performed under the oversight of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, given the fast 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 containerize the contaminated soils on-site pending the completion of DPH's analysis and DTSC's assessment of the facilities' permits.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 327-1186 or Mr. Jim Pappas at (916) 255-3572.

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