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COUNCILMEMBER, 12TH DISTRICT

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Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Attn: Renee Purdy, Executive Officer  
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Los Angeles, CA 90013  
Via email to: Renee.Purdy@waterboards.ca.gov

**RE: Agenda Comment- Meeting of June 9, 2022, Item No. 7**

Dear Members of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board and Ms. Purdy:

I write to respectfully request that the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) not approve the resolution for the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Boeing Company regarding cleanup at the former Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) site, and instead continue consideration of the MOU for a minimum of two months. The continuance will allow interested parties time to review both the proposed MOU and the recent Settlement Agreement between Boeing and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

Announced and first released to the public on May 9, 2022, the voluminous and technically complex Settlement Agreement and proposed MOU establish standards, processes, and Boeing's obligations regarding remediation of radioactive and chemical contamination in Boeing areas of responsibility on the SSFL site. The Settlement Agreement is deemed effective upon the Water Board's adoption of the MOU.

The City of Los Angeles (City) has long been supportive of a full cleanup of all environmental hazards at the SSFL site in order to protect the health and safety of area residents and the environment. Although Boeing and DTSC assert that the Settlement Agreement achieves a stringent cleanup, significant concerns have been raised by public interest groups about the proposed remediation levels as compared to the 2007 Consent Order entered into by DTSC, Boeing, the Department of Energy, and NASA.

Further, I am most concerned that these agreements were negotiated without public review or input from any of the affected local jurisdictions, groups, or stakeholders who for many years have been engaged in advocacy efforts to ensure accountability from responsible parties and cleanup of the SSFL site.

The requested continuance will provide the City and other interested parties the critical opportunity to conduct a careful analysis of the highly technical Settlement Agreement and proposed MOU, and provide informed comments accordingly. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

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