

APPENDIX A

**REGULATORY CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE CLEANUP AND
ABATEMENT ORDER**



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CALIFORNIA WATER CODE SECTION 13304 ORDER TO PERFORM INTERIM/SOURCE REMOVAL ACTION OF SOIL IN THE AREAS OF OUTFALLS 008 AND 009 DRAINAGE AREAS, THE BOEING COMPANY SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY, UNINCORPORATED VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA (SCP NO. 1111, SITE ID NO. 2040109)

Dear Mr. Gallacher:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board), is the public agency with primary responsibility for the protection of ground and surface water quality for all beneficial uses within major portions of Los Angeles and Ventura County, including the above-referenced project site.

The Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) occupies approximately 2,850 acres and is located at the top of Woolsey Canyon Road in the Simi Hills, Ventura County, California. The SSFL is jointly owned by The Boeing Company (Boeing) and the United States of America. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) administers the portion of the property owned by the federal government. The site is divided into four administrative areas (Areas I, II, III, and IV) and undeveloped land areas to both the north and south. The NASA property includes a portion of Area I and all of Area II. Ninety acres of Areas IV are leased to the United States Department of Energy (DOE).

Boeing and its predecessors' operations at SSFL since 1950 include research, development, assembly, disassembly, and testing of nuclear reactors, rocket engines, and chemical lasers. NASA operations included rocket engine assembly and testing, and propellant and fuel storage and loading. DOE conducted past operations in research and development of energy related programs, and seismic testing experiments. Current DOE activities onsite are solely related to facility closure, environmental remediation, and restoration.

Regional Board Order R4-2004-0111 and previous orders originally permitted discharges of excess water at the SSFL from its groundwater treatment system, industrial activities, onsite wastewater reclamation system, and rainfall runoff that has the potential to contain pollutants from the facilities. Most recently, the only wastewater generated onsite and discharged to the streambeds is treated groundwater which is associated with activities that are being regulated by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). All other wastewater discharges have been terminated. However, storm water traversing the site had yielded exceedances of water quality based effluent limits in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for the facility.

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Only storm water is discharged through Outfalls 008 and 009 (see attached map):

- Discharge Outfall 008 – This outfall captures storm water runoff from an area that has previously been used for operations that involved perchlorate and other contaminants of concern. Storm water from Happy Valley flows to Dayton Canyon Creek. The flow from Dayton Canyon Creek joins Chatsworth Creek, which flows south to Bell Creek southwest of the intersection of Shoup Avenue and Sherman Way. Bell Creek flows east to the Los Angeles River. This area has since undergone an “interim measure cleanup”, which was completed in September 2004, under the direction of DTSC.
- Discharge Outfall 009 – The watershed that drains into Outfall 009 is on Boeing and NASA property and begins near the entrance to the property and traverses several potential areas of concern. The Outfall collects storm water runoff from the Area 1 and Area 2 Landfills, and the former LOX plant located on NASA owned property. In addition, Outfall 009 picks up storm water run on from Sage Ranch where agricultural operations took place and a gun shooting range was located. This outfall drains to Arroyo Simi.

Boeing has violated Waste Discharge Requirements contained in Order No. R4-2004-0111, as amended by Order Nos. R4-2006-0008, R4-2006-0036, and R4-2007-0055 (hereinafter Order No. R4-0111) by discharging storm water and/or permitting storm water to be discharged to waters of the State, which contains wastes that have chronically exceeded effluent limitations for 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD) toxic equivalent (TEQ), heavy metals (e.g., copper, lead, and cadmium), and other pollutants (e.g., oil and grease and pH) at Outfalls 008 and 009 from 2005 through 2008.

The Regional Board has determined that an order pursuant to Water Code section 13304 is the most appropriate manner to achieve compliance with the requirements of Order No. R4-2004-0111. The Regional Board's objective is that contaminated soil are to be removed in order to eliminate the contaminants that have resulted in violations of effluent limitations and are an ongoing source of contaminants, creating a condition of pollution or nuisance. Site-wide cleanup of soil, soil vapor, and groundwater will continue under regulatory oversight by the DTSC.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 13304 of the Water Code, Boeing is hereby ordered to cleanup and abate the waste that are discharging to waters of the State, minimize impacts to the streambed adjacent habitat during the cleanup, protect the water quality during and after the cleanup, and restore the streambed and surrounding habitat following the cleanup.

Compliance with this order shall include, but not be limited to completing the requirements listed below. Boeing shall:

1. Commence activities necessary to undertake source removal of wastes that are causing or contributing to violations of limitations contained in Order No. R4-2004-0111 at Outfalls 008 and 009, subject to Regional Board approval of the plans required by paragraphs 2 and 3, below.
2. Submit work plans to develop and select the appropriate treatment technologies to be used during source removal, including identification and delineation of the lateral and vertical extents of contaminants in soil, by **February 15, 2009** for the Regional Board's approval.
3. Submit for the Regional Board's approval an interim source removal action (ISRA) plan by **May 1, 2009**.
4. Submit a report documenting compliance with the removal process and detailing the results of confirmation soil samples following the completion of the interim source removal of impacted soil from the areas for Outfalls 008 and 009 watersheds. The Regional Board will determine the submittal due date for this report upon approval of the ISRA.
5. Reimburse the Regional Board for all reasonable costs incurred by the Regional Board staff to oversee soil cleanup, abatement of the effects thereof, or other remedial actions.
6. Communicate and work cooperatively with NASA for the proposed ISRA necessary for the NASA Area I and II property located within the Outfall 009 Drainage Area. The Regional Board understands that Boeing may undertake the actions under this order on the NASA property only with the approval of NASA.
7. All proposed projects located within state or federal jurisdictional waters must comply with the applicable sections of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and California's Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Porter Cologne). The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) (CWA Section 404 permitting) and the Regional Board (CWA Section 401 water quality certifications) may permit fill activities in waters of the United States under the CWA. The Regional Board may also permit fill activities in waters of the State of California under Porter Cologne by issuing Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR). Further, the California Department of Fish and Game (F&G), through streambed alteration agreements, also has jurisdiction over fill projects that affect waters of the State. These agencies must be notified of any plans that could impact these waters to determine if permitting will be required.

Failure to comply with this Order may result in imposition of civil liabilities, either administratively by the Regional Board or judicially by the Superior Court in accordance with Section 13350 of the California Water Code, and/or referral to the Attorney General of the State of California for such action as he may deem appropriate.

Any person aggrieved by this action of the Regional Water Board may petition the State Water Board to review the action in accordance with Water Code section 13320 and California Code of Regulations, title

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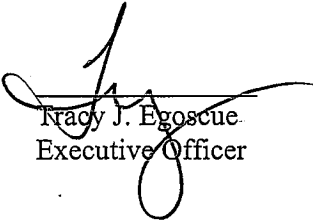
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23, sections 2050 and following. The State Water Board must receive the petition by 5:00 p.m., 30 days after the date of this Order, except that if the thirtieth day following the date of this Order falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition must be received by the State Water Board by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day. Copies of the law and regulations applicable to filing petitions may be found on the Internet at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/public_notices/petitions/water_quality or will be provided upon request.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Bacharowski at (213) 576-6607.

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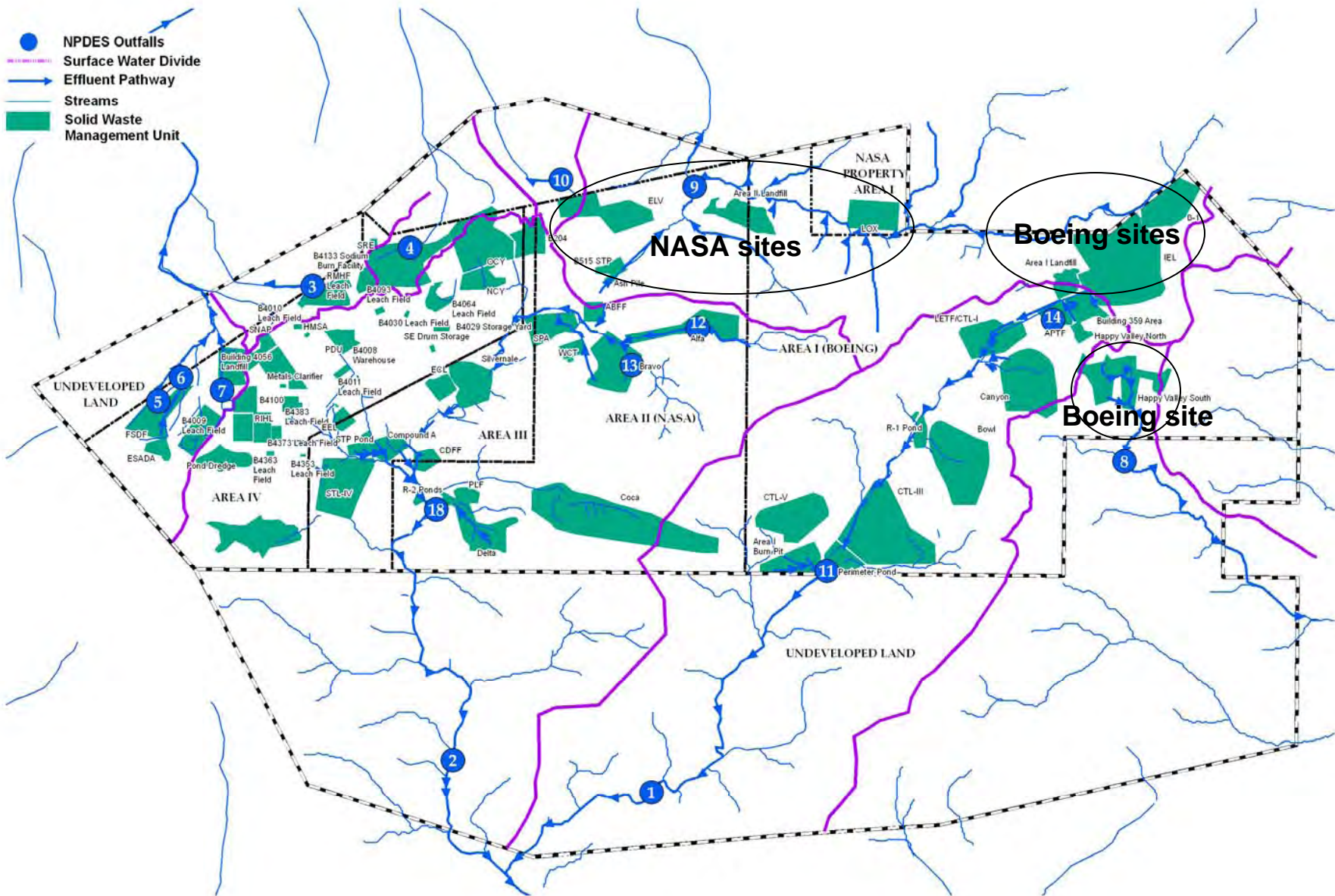
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Preliminary Interim Source Removal Action (ISRA) Work Plan, Santa Susana Field Laboratory, Ventura County, California, dated February 2009

Dear Ms. Owens:

Staff from the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) team reviewed the *Preliminary Interim Source Removal Action (ISRA) Work Plan (Work Plan)* submitted by The Boeing Company (Boeing).

It is our understanding that the project described in the *Work Plan* is being carried out pursuant to a Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) issued to Boeing by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWCQB) on December 3, 2008, and that the CAO was issued in response to exceedances of NPDES surface water outfall permit limits for the Happy Valley drainage (Outfall 008; lead) and the Northern drainage (Outfall 009; copper, lead, dioxins, pH, and oil & grease). The CAO requires Boeing to address the soil source areas that contribute to releases of contaminants at levels that exceed NPDES limits. The areas that drain to Outfall 008 and 009 are currently under investigation by DTSC for chemical and potential radiological contamination. Administrative Area I drains into Outfall 8; Administrative Areas I, II, and III drain into Outfall 009.

There are several surficial media chemical site characterization reports that have been submitted to date that are currently under various stages of review by DTSC. The last of these characterization reports is to be submitted in 2011. We anticipate this site characterization work to be completed by July 2012. As part of the investigation, DTSC will be requiring that a comprehensive historical site assessment (HSA) of all operations involving the management of radioactive materials in Areas I, II and III be submitted for DTSC review and approval. The purpose of the HSA is to assist in determining the appropriate scope of the work plan for the characterization of radionuclides in these areas.

The *ISRA Work Plan* states that DTSC soil background comparison concentrations from the Santa Susana Field Laboratory Standardized Risk Assessment Methodology (SRAM) Work Plan, Revision 2 were used to evaluate soil sample data and the identification of preliminary ISRA evaluation areas (PEAs). Although stated in the *Work Plan*, I want to emphasize that these soil background concentrations are under review by DTSC and may be modified in the future. The results of the chemical background study underway by DTSC should be available in Spring 2010. We anticipate the results for the radiological background study by U.S. EPA Region IX should be available in Spring 2010 as well.

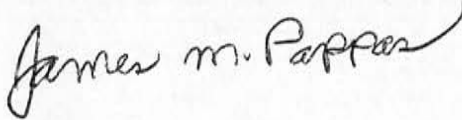
Because there has not been a comprehensive HSA of all operations involving the management of radioactive materials or a preliminary assessment of the presence of radionuclides in Areas I, II and III, we are recommending that excavated soil transported from the project site for disposal be screened for radionuclides according to guidelines and procedures approved by the California Department of Public Health. The radionuclide screening general procedures should be presented in the *Final ISRA Work Plan* due to the RWQCB on May 1, 2009, and specific screening procedures should be presented in the associated *Soil Management Plan* due prior to project start.

Finally, we wish to state very clearly that the removal of source materials from the affected watersheds to address NPDES exceedances at Outfalls 008 and 009 will not necessarily mean that those areas will meet Senate Bill (SB) 990 standards upon completion of the CAO-directed work. It may be necessary for Boeing and its SSFL partners to undertake additional removal work at these same locations in the future in order to meet SB 990 cleanup standards to be prescribed by DTSC at a later date. We will not be able to determine whether additional cleanup will be required until we complete the characterization of the areas involved and the corresponding human health and ecological risk assessments.

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If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact
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**COMMENTS ON PRELIMINARY INTERIM SOURCE REMOVAL ACTION WORK PLAN
SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO CALIFORNIA WATER CODE SECTION 13304 ORDER – THE
BOEING COMPANY, SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY, CANOGA PARK, CA (NPDES
NO. CA0001309, CI NO. 6027, SCP NO. 1111, SITE ID NO. 2040109)**

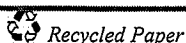
Dear Mr. Gallacher:

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) staff have reviewed the February 2009 *Preliminary Interim Source Removal Action (ISRA) Work Plan Santa Susana Field Laboratory, Ventura County, California* (Work Plan). The Work Plan was submitted in response to “requirement 2” of the California Water Code section 13304 Order, dated December 3, 2008, (Order) issued to you by the Regional Board. “Requirement 2” states that you must “submit work plans to develop and select the appropriate treatment technologies to be used during source removal, including identification and delineation of the lateral and vertical extents of contamination in soil.”

In the Work Plan it is stated that “Requirement 2” will be complied with through implementation of the following tasks:

1. For outfalls 008 and 009, you will identify soil impacted areas within the watersheds contributing surface water flow to the outfalls and compile existing soil data representative of material that may provide a leachable or suspended source of contamination to surface water at the outfalls.
2. To prevent exceedances of permit limitations at outfall 008, you plan to identify potential source areas with elevated concentrations of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit chemicals of concern (COCs) which include copper, lead, and dioxins. For outfall 009, you plan to identify potential source areas with elevated concentrations of the COCs which include cadmium, copper, lead, mercury, and dioxins. The identified potential source areas are termed “Preliminary Interim Source Removal Action Preliminary Evaluation Areas” (ISRA PEAs), in the Work Plan.
3. The initial identifying criteria for ISRA PEAs will be exceedances of the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)-approved, 2005, soil background comparison concentrations in the upper 10 feet of soil. Soil background concentrations are under review by the DTSC, and may be modified in the future. If the data do not define the lateral and vertical extent of COCs potentially contributing to the permit exceedances, additional data will be collected. In areas of former operations where data for the COCs are not available, samples will be collected and data generated following existing, DTSC approved sampling and analyses methods.

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4. After potential surface water contamination source areas have been identified, the data set will be further reviewed to determine if other chemicals that are significant human and ecological health-risk drivers would potentially be mobilized during interim source removal. The technologies considered to address the target chemicals will minimize the possibility of mobilizing other chemicals that are significant health-risk drivers.
5. After soil data evaluation, additional soil data collection, and reevaluation of all relevant soil data you plan to prioritize individual ISRA PEAs according to the following criteria:
 - a. Magnitude of contamination concentrations relative to background conditions;
 - b. Estimated contaminant mass at individual ISRA PEAs;
 - c. Magnitude of exceedances relative to analytical laboratory result variability;
 - d. Specific ISRA PEA physical and chemical parameters contributing to site-specific contaminant transport;
 - e. Depth of COCs;
 - f. Proximity to drainages contributing to outfalls 008 and 009; and
 - g. Presence and type of surface cover.
6. Following ISRA PEAs identification, using the steps described above, they will be individually evaluated for appropriate remedial alternatives, and the alternatives ranked based on effectiveness, reliability, implementability, environmental impacts/sustainability, and cost. A standardized ranking system will be applied and an appropriate remedial alternative selected.
7. The results of these evaluations will be submitted to the Regional Board in compliance with "Requirement 3" of the Regional Board's California Water Code section 13304 Order, dated December 3, 2008, no later than May 1, 2009.

Several ISRA PEAs have been identified using existing data and the criteria described above. Three ISRA PEAs have been identified in the outfall 008 watershed and 12 in the outfall 009 watershed. Additional specific data gap sampling has not yet been identified for the ISRA PEAs of outfall 008, but is expected to focus on operational areas where the presence of the COCs has not been evaluated, and within the known ISRA PEAs. As with the outfall 008 watershed, additional specific data gap sampling for ISRA PEAs in the outfall 009 watershed is expected to focus on operational areas where the presence of the COCs has not been evaluated, and within the known ISRA PEAs.

The approach for selecting ISRA PEAs and evaluating and selecting remedial technologies for them, as presented in this Work Plan, is conditionally approved for use in preparing the Interim Source Removal Action Plan required in "Requirement 3" of the Regional Board's California Water Code section 13304 Order, dated December 3, 2008. However, you must comply with the following conditions:

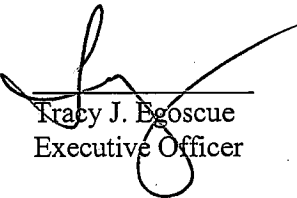
1. No later than **May 1, 2009**, you shall provide the Regional Board with a work plan identifying your approach to prevent contaminants in any soil excavated or otherwise disturbed as part of your compliance with the Order from being mobilized during wind or rain events. In addition to the COCs related to NPDES permit exceedances, the work plan must address all contaminants potentially in the soil. In lieu of submitting an individual work plan, you may present this work plan as part of the work plan required in "Requirement 2" of the Regional Board's California Water Code section 13304 Order, dated December 3, 2008.

2. The work plan required in item "1" above must include a discussion of how the responsible parties, Boeing and NASA, will coordinate responsibilities and cleanup of the watersheds related to outfalls 008 and 009.
3. All documents related to compliance with the December 3, 2008 Order must be posted on the internet concurrent with submittal to the Regional Board. In addition, all documents must include text indicating the location of the Boeing website where they can be accessed.

The Regional Board has received public comments pertinent to the ISRA Order and the tentative Waste Discharge Requirements, Cease and Desist Order, and Monitoring and Reporting Program. Regional Board staff will address the comments in the response to comments associated with the specific documents referenced.

Please telephone Mr. Peter Raftery at (213) 576-6724 or email him at praftery@waterboards.ca.gov if you have any questions.

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Dear Mr. Raftery:

The Boeing Company (Boeing), on behalf of Boeing and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), wishes to provide the following clarifications regarding the above-mentioned comment letter on the Preliminary Interim Source Removal Action (ISRA) Work Plan submitted to the RWQCB on February 13, 2009. These clarifications are:

1. Item 7 (of the implementation tasks) states that results of evaluations performed to identify source removal areas will be included in the ISRA Work Plan due May 1, 2009. Boeing would like to clarify that the May Work Plan will include results for all evaluations completed to date, and a process and schedule to complete cleanup actions by 2012. As discussed at meetings between RWQCB, Boeing, and NASA held on April 15th and 22nd, and as described in the February Work Plan, some source area evaluations are pending completion of the Northern Drainage cleanup work and additional sampling results (currently ongoing). Completion of both of these actions is needed to confidently recommend additional ISRA cleanup areas. The May Work Plan will clarify these constraints and outline the schedule for completion. The schedule will include preparation of addenda to the May Work Plan that summarizes the additional sampling activities and presents the recommended remedial plan for the identified ISRA cleanup areas. The addenda will be submitted to the RWQCB for approval.
2. Item 1 (of the approval conditions) states that a work plan identifying the approach to prevent contaminants in any soil excavated or otherwise disturbed from being mobilized during wind or rain events can be submitted as part of the



work plan specified in Requirement 2 of the Order (the February Work Plan). Boeing wishes to clarify that the comment meant to reference Requirement 3 of the Order (the May Work Plan). Also, Boeing would like to clarify that the term "contaminants" indicated in this comment includes both ISRA COCs and collocated RCRA risk drivers/contributors within the proposed ISRA Area or within an area that would be disturbed by the proposed cleanup activities.

3. Item 3 (of the approval conditions) specifies that all documents related to compliance with the Order must be posted concurrently with submittal to the RWQCB. Boeing respectfully requests 10 working days for web posting due to upload processing requirements. The following is the link to where documents will be posted:

http://www.boeing.com/aboutus/environment/santa_susana/isra.html

Boeing respectfully requests a response to these clarifications at your earliest convenience. Please do not hesitate to contact Lori Blair at 818-466-8741 with any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,



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