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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes
Monday February 18th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

911 Communication Dispatch Center 3rd Floor
23001 Roscoe Boulevard, West Hills, CA 91304

1. Introductions – A general presentation was made to introduce the SSFL site, the previous NASA, DOE and Boeing work done there and the contamination that resulted from those operations and practices.
2. Introduction to SSFL cleanup – A summary of the cleanup that is underway was made covering chemical vapor, surface water runoff, soil and the groundwater containing TCE.
3. SSFL surface water contamination and remediation – Contamination at the head of each runoff source and the passage through surrounding communities were discussed along with the largely successful cleanup using water gathering and treatment activities and the removal of contaminated soil.
4. Soil cleanup based on “risk assessment “- Boeing – The Boeing cleanup was explained. They are using the risk based system which is used by the USEPA throughout the USA. Essentially the cleanup is done to the level required by the end usage of the property where the remaining soil does not pose a risk to the environment or humans.

5. Soil cleanup based on “cleanup to background”- DOE and NASA have signed agreements with DTSC stating that they will clean up their areas down to background or the conditions that existed before man-made operations occurred at the site. This cleanup is six to eight times the cost of the risk-based cleanup with an associated number of trucks of soil to be removed. Regardless both DOE and NASA have repeatedly stated they will comply with their AOC agreements.
6. Groundwater cleanup – Two separate efforts are proceeding with the ground water remediation where approximately 500,000 gallons of contaminating TCE were leaked into the groundwater. It appears that the TCE is not moving away from the SSFL so on-site treatment is being examined. A vapor vacuum system will be installed near the surface and various treatments are being tested for use on the underground TCE to eliminate that contaminant.
7. SSFL seeps and springs – An ongoing investigation of the mountain seeps, springs and faults is underway to uncover any other source of contaminants.
8. Current status – Various questions were asked and answered along with general discussion.
8. Meeting adjournment

The next Environment Committee will be at 7:00 PM on March 20th at the 911 Center.