

SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

The Department of Toxic Substances Control's (DTSC) mission is to protect California's people, communities, and environment from toxic substances, to enhance economic vitality by restoring contaminated land, and to compel manufacturers to make safer consumer products.

December 2023

## Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL)

### Groundwater U Survey and Public Listening Session:

Designed to receive input on topics to include in a series of new groundwater educational workshops

**Public Listening Session:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), in cooperation with The Boeing Company (Boeing), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), invite the public to complete an online survey and participate in an online listening session to prepare for the upcoming Groundwater U (Groundwater University) workshop series focused on groundwater at SSFL. The SSFL site is a former rocket engine testing and nuclear research facility located 30 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles in southeastern Ventura County.

The purpose of the Groundwater U Survey and Listening Session is to provide interested stakeholders with the opportunity to ask questions, provide input, elevate SSFL groundwater topics of interest and learn about groundwater at SSFL to prepare to review and comment on select future groundwater decision documents. Stakeholder input from the survey and online listening session will be considered in the development of the workshop series content.

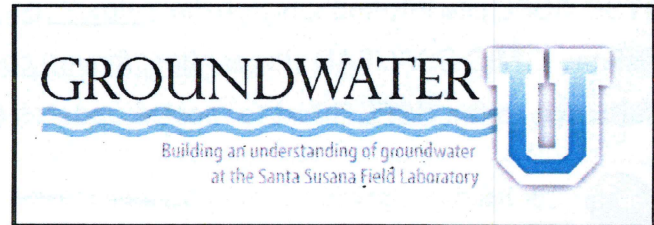


Figure 1. Groundwater U: Building an understanding of groundwater at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory Logo

### Groundwater U Survey

Please complete the Groundwater U Survey to submit topics you would like to hear about during Groundwater U: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GWUListening>

### Groundwater U Online Zoom Listening Session

Tuesday, January 23, 2023 @ 6:00 – 8:00pm

Listening Session Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/GWUListeningSessionMeeting>

To review the 2011 Groundwater U Workshop materials, please visit the DTSC SSFL Document Library at [https://dtsc.ca.gov/santa\\_susana\\_field\\_lab/ssfl\\_document\\_library/](https://dtsc.ca.gov/santa_susana_field_lab/ssfl_document_library/), click on "Public Involvement" in the left menu, and then click on "Groundwater U Sessions."

### About SSFL

The SSFL site consists of four administrative areas used historically for research, development, and test operations as well as undeveloped (buffer) areas. SSFL is jointly owned by Boeing and the United States government. The government property is administered by NASA. A portion of the Boeing-owned property is

leased to DOE. DTSC oversees SSFL site cleanup activities by the three responsible parties: NASA, DOE, and Boeing.

Research into the nature and extent of groundwater contamination started in 1987 and involves analyzing groundwater from more than 600 wells, investigating the nature of the groundwater system through a series of aquifer tests, mapping the geology of Simi Hills, and identifying and sampling seeps and springs. Several new investigation techniques have been developed and used for the first time at the site to provide a detailed investigation into the fractured bedrock and groundwater at SSFL.

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