

File 18-0874 SSFL Cleanup

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The motion in the subject file was a mistake to begin with and has now been overtaken by events as DOE has just issued its Final Environmental Impact Statement and Preferred Cleanup Alternative. The document is exhaustive and thoroughly addresses potential health benefits and associated environmental impacts. The Council should familiarize itself with the document and the forthcoming DOE Record of Decision, before deciding to litigate against what would be a timely and protective cleanup. If necessary, a public hearing should be held with representatives of DOE and DTSC present.

For decades, California Governmental bodies, elected officials, and State Regulators have been led around by the nose by the anti-nuclear activist Dan Hirsch and his cadre of supporters. They have made unsubstantiated claims of health risks from SSFL and, by their actions and frivolous lawsuits, have delayed the cleanup by over ten years. The lawsuit forcing DOE to develop a full EIS led to the reiteration of DOE's earlier evaluations and final documentation of very limited radioactive contamination on SSFL and no current risk to offsite residents from all contamination now on the site.

City Council lawyers should research Federal Court decisions regarding conflicts between DOE-State agreements and DOE, such the 2010 AOCs, when they are challenged by the Federal entity. The DOE FEIS is in full compliance with the 2010 AOCs although it will not clean up to the AOC LUT limits for the reasons enumerated in the document.

It would be fruitless for the LA City Council to challenge the DOE conclusions and would also be a waste of taxpayers' money.

Respectfully submitted,

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