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GREAT luncheon conversation yesterday; hope it proved of value to you as well!!!

I suppose one can find a legal basis for doing just about anything, if one looks hard enough; NEPA and CEQA "SEEM" to have been created on the "foundational concept" that ALL alternatives should be evaluated, NOT just a "Preferred Alternative" and "NO action". But why quibble?

<http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/nep>

Here's the "muscle" from Boxer and CEQ I spoke of:

NASA's ssfl website has several letters, including CEQ's to NASA:

<http://ssfl.msfc.nasa.gov/environmental-cleanup/environmental-impact-statement/default.aspx>

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Update on NASA's National Environmental Policy Act Compliance for Santa Susana Field Laboratory

NASA remains committed to a proposed cleanup to background that will meet the Administrative Order on Consent between DTSC and NASA.

We received comments from Senator Boxer and the Council on Environmental Quality regarding the evaluation of alternatives for the preparation of our Environmental Impact Statement. As a result, NASA has chosen to streamline its review in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and analyze only the alternatives of (a) cleanup to background and (b) the "no-action" alternative.

NASA is moving forward with preparation of its DEIS and anticipates providing the DEIS for public comment this autumn.

We soon will be posting to our website at <http://ssfl.msfc.nasa.gov> this update along with recent correspondence between NASA and Director Raphael, between NASA and Senator Boxer and between the Council on Environmental Quality and Senator Boxer.

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