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Bill No.

as introduced, Leno.

General Subject: Hazardous substance cleanup: Santa Susana Field Laboratory site.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Toxic Substances Control to compel a responsible party to take or pay for appropriate removal or remediation action necessary to protect public health and safety and the environment at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) site in Ventura County. The sale, lease, sublease, or other transfer of any land presently or formerly occupied by the Santa Susana Field Laboratory is prohibited unless the Director of Toxic Substances Control certifies that the land has undergone complete remediation pursuant to specified protective standards.

This bill would provide that an administrative order on consent for the site, signed on December 6, 2010 between the department and the United States Department of Energy and a similar order between the department and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration constitute the cleanup requirements and obligations for that portion of the site that is subject to those administrative orders and would require the



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administrative orders to result in the cleanup of the soil so that the level of radiological or chemical contaminants in soil does not exceed local background levels, except as specified. The bill would require the department to enforce the administrative orders and the transfer prohibitions imposed on that site.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.



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An act to add Section 25359.21 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to hazardous substances.



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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 25359.21 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

25359.21. (a) The Legislature finds and declares that on December 6, 2010, an administrative order on consent was signed between the United States Department of Energy and the department, and a similar administrative order on consent was signed between the department and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, for a remedial action on portions of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site.

(b) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Administrative order" means an administrative order on consent signed on December 6, 2010, between the United States Department of Energy and the department for a remedial action to the site, the similar administrative order on consent signed on December 6, 2010, between the department and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and any other administrative order signed by the department with a responsible party for the site, that is consistent with the provisions of the administrative orders entered into on December 6, 2010.

(2) "Site" means the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site in Ventura County.

(c) An administrative order shall constitute the cleanup requirements and obligations for the portion of the site that is subject to that administrative order.

(d) An administrative order shall result in the cleanup of soil for that portion of the site that is subject to the administrative order so that the level of radiological or chemical contaminants in the soil does not exceed local background levels, except as provided in the exemptions specifically expressed and incorporated by reference in an administrative order entered into on December 6, 2010.



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(e) The department shall enforce an administrative order, and, when enforcing an order, shall enforce the prohibitions on transfer specified in subdivisions (d) and (e) of Section 25359.20.

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