

# 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.*

**January 2024**

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP SERIES**

### **Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) Groundwater U Workshop Series:**

A groundwater education series to build an understanding of groundwater at SSFL and to prepare stakeholders for future groundwater public comment periods

**PUBLIC WORKSHOP SERIES: February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>**

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 an online Groundwater U workshop series to learn about groundwater at SSFL. The site is a former rocket engine testing and nuclear research facility located 30 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles in southeastern Ventura County.

The goal of this public workshop series is to discuss groundwater at SSFL to prepare the public to review and comment on future groundwater decision documents during the associated comment periods. Three online workshops will be followed by an on-site field visit. Please submit any questions or groundwater topics you would like to hear about at the workshops at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GWUListening>

Please sign up for each Zoom workshop using the registration links below or by visiting the DTSC Events page at <https://dtsc.ca.gov/events/>

#### **Workshop 1: What is Groundwater? / Geology & Hydrogeology**

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 6:00 – 8:00pm

**Speaker: Dr. Matthew Becker**, Professor and Conrey Endowed Chair of Hydrogeology, Department of Geological Sciences, California State University, Long Beach

**Workshop 1 Registration Link:** <https://bit.ly/GWUWorkshop1>

#### **Workshop 2: Where is Groundwater Contamination at SSFL? / Chatsworth Formation, Fate & Transport of Contaminants**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 @ 6:00 – 8:00pm

**Speakers: Beth Parker**, SSFL Groundwater Advisory Panel, professor and The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada research chair in fractured rock contamination hydrology, School of Engineering, University of Guelph, and formerly a research professor at the University of Waterloo

**John Cherry**, SSFL Groundwater Advisory Panel, distinguished professor emeritus at the University of Waterloo and an adjunct professor at the University of Guelph, both in Ontario, Canada

**Workshop 2 Registration Link:** <https://bit.ly/GWUWorkshop2>

### **Workshop 3: What Treatment Options Have Been Studied at SSFL? / Groundwater Interim Measures & Pilot Tests & Treatability Studies**

Thursday, April 4, 2024 @ 6:00 – 8:00pm

**Speakers: DTSC, Boeing, NASA, and DOE**

**Workshop 3 Registration Link:** <https://bit.ly/GWUWorkshop3>

#### **Field Trip Site Visit:**

Saturday, April 6, 2024 @ 9:00am – 12:00pm

**Hosts: Boeing, NASA, and DOE**

NOTE: The field trip will be held at SSFL, a private facility with periodic public access controlled by Boeing. Pre-registration is required, and access will be granted if compliance with site security requirements is met.

**SSFL Site visit registration:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SSFLSiteVisit>

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.”

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DTSC SSFL site information website: [https://dtsc.ca.gov/santa\\_susana\\_field\\_lab/](https://dtsc.ca.gov/santa_susana_field_lab/)

Visit the DTSC SSFL FAQ Page: <https://tinyurl.com/SSFLFAQs> to review commonly asked questions.

Subscribe to the SSFL E-List to receive updates and information: <https://dtsc.ca.gov/dtsc-e-lists/>



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