

SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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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.

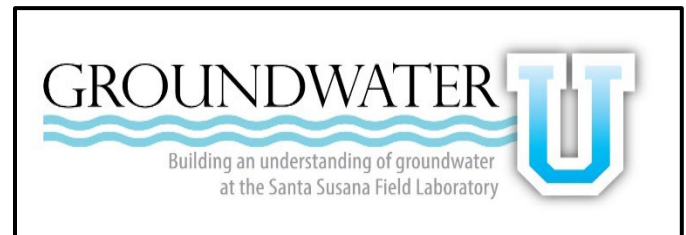


Figure 1. Groundwater U: Building an understanding of groundwater at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory Logo

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/GWUListing>

Groundwater U Online Zoom Listening Session

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 @ 6:00 – 8:00pm

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

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/, 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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DTSC SSFL site information website: https://dtsc.ca.gov/santa_susana_field_lab/

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

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COMMUNITY SURVEY

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Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) **Groundwater U (GWU) Listening Session Survey** **Public Input Form**

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is accepting public input on groundwater at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL). Survey feedback will help inform the design of upcoming Groundwater U Workshops to help prepare the public to review and comment on select future SSFL groundwater decision documents.

Please provide your input and/or questions in the survey form below or complete the online version of this survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GWUListening>

Please return this completed survey form to **DTSC, SSFL GWU Listening Session Survey, 9211 Oakdale Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311.**

SSFL GWU Listening Session Survey Information

1. What is your first name? _____
2. What is your last name? _____
3. What is your phone number? _____
4. What is your email address? _____
5. What city do you live in? _____
6. What is your mailing address? _____
7. How long have you lived in your current city? (Select one)
 - ☐ 0 to 5 years
 - ☐ 6 to 10 years
 - ☐ 11 to 15 years
 - ☐ 16 to 20 years
 - ☐ more than 20 years
8. What age group are you in? (Select one)
 - ☐ 18 to 30 years old
 - ☐ 31 to 50 years old
 - ☐ more than 50 years old

9. What is your role in your local community? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Resident
- ☐ Parent
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Local business owner
- ☐ Employed by a local business
- ☐ Elected official
- ☐ Local government member or worker
- ☐ Tribal government member or worker
- ☐ Employed by or a volunteer with a nonprofit or community / cultural organization serving the local area

10. Are you signed up for the DTSC SSFL Email List?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

11. Are you familiar with the DTSC SSFL Webpage? https://dtsc.ca.gov/santa_susana_field_lab/

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

12. Do you plan to forward the listening session details to other interested stakeholders?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

13. Have you attended a DTSC SSFL Public Meeting or Workshop before this one?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

14. What is your most preferred meeting / workshop format? (select one)

- ☐ In person
- ☐ Online
- ☐ I don't have a preference
- ☐ None of the above

15. What methods do you use or would prefer to use for receiving DTSC SSFL information?

(select all that apply)

- ☐ Newspapers
- ☐ DTSC Mailers
- ☐ DTSC Public Meetings
- ☐ DTSC Email Notifications
- ☐ DTSC Website/Contact
- ☐ Responsible Parties Website/Contact
- ☐ Online News Websites
- ☐ Neighborhood Groups

- Interest Groups (non-government)
- Word of Mouth
- Radio
- Homeowners Association
- Real Estate (Disclosure or Contact)
- Online Blogs
- Facebook
- X (Formerly Twitter)
- Tik Tok
- Instagram

16. Did you attend the Groundwater U community meetings in 2011?

- Yes
- No

17. Have you used any of the 2011 Groundwater U educational materials, such as the videos posted online?

- Yes
- No

18. If you watched the 2011 Groundwater U videos or attended the workshops, did you find value in them?

- Yes
- No
- N/A

19. Do you plan to attend the Groundwater U Listening Session on January 23, 2024, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

20. Would you be interested in attending this Listening Session as a hybrid meeting (in person & Zoom combination)?

- Yes
- No
- I don't have a preference

21. Are you interested in learning about groundwater pilot tests and treatability studies conducted at SSFL?

- Yes
- No

22. Are you interested in learning about groundwater treatment technologies that are being considered at SSFL?

- Yes
- No

23. Which chemical constituents related to groundwater contamination would you like to know more about? Please explain.

24. What concerns do you have about groundwater contamination at the site?

25. What additional groundwater information would you like to learn more about in community meetings?

26. What would make you feel prepared to review and comment on upcoming SSFL groundwater cleanup documents? (e.g. Transportation plan, Treatment technologies, SSFL site geology, Plume locations, How groundwater is cleaned)

27. Please include any input, questions, specific concerns or additional information you would like to hear about at the Groundwater U Workshop Series. You may also expand on any of the previous survey questions.

Please use additional space as needed to submit your input and questions on the AIBP RAW document, and label input and questions clearly.

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