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Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2015 3:33 PM  
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Subject: Boeing permit

Dear LA Water Board,

As a longtime resident, I am very concerned about the contamination at the Santa Susana Field Lab. I am writing to express my opposition to the draft of the new permit for Boeing. Even though the 2010 permit is already too weak, Boeing has violated it numerous times and is being fined so minimally the water remains contaminated. Instead of creating more stringent permit requirements to protect public health, your board is now proposing to relax them even more. I am against the following proposed changes:

- Dramatic increases in the amount of pollutants allowed in the water. The new permit allows almost four times the amount of mercury, thallium, zinc and boron. Additionally, the new permit allows four times the amount of oil and grease that can be released from outfalls 3 to 10.
- The elimination of monthly average limits for pollutants.
- The elimination of all monitoring and pollution limits from outfalls 12, 13 and 14.
- The elimination of acute toxicity limits in the permit.
- The increase in time of the permit which gives Boeing roughly 50% more time than before. I do not want Boeing to pollute our community for a longer period of time without being held accountable.

Please do the right thing by revising the draft permit and restoring public confidence in your agency. The public deserves water that isn't contaminated.

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