

COMMUNITY UPDATE

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URGENT: Community Update on Woolsey Fire and SSFL

This is an update as of **1:30 a.m. on Nov. 9, 2018**

The Woolsey Fire burned through a portion of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL) yesterday. At this time, it is no longer burning within the SSFL site, and is moving away from the site.

There is a fire station on the SSFL site, and both Ventura County and Los Angeles County fire personnel are assisting in the response. The fire agencies responding to the fire have consulted with their own Hazardous Materials coordinator who is familiar with the site and determined the fire did not present any risks other than those normally present in a wildfire situation.

DTSC is actively monitoring the fire. DTSC emergency response staff has been in contact with staff at the Ventura County Certified Unified Program Agency. **Our scientists and toxicologists have reviewed information about the fire's location and do not believe the fire has caused any releases of hazardous materials that would pose a risk to people exposed to the smoke.**

There is an air monitoring network around the perimeter of the SSFL site. As soon as access is open we will evaluate the site, the air monitoring stations, and available data.

Although we do not anticipate any risks from the fire associated with contamination at the site, all wildfires can present threats to the public. Residents near the fire should pay careful attention to safety directions from fire responders, including notices about evacuation areas.

DTSC will continue to update the communities around the SSFL site as new information becomes available about the site and the impacts of the fire. However, for the most current information about the fire status, please check [CalOES](#), the CalFire [incident information page](#), the [Ventura County Office of Emergency Services](#), or twitter, [@Venturaoes](#).





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DTSC Statement on Woolsey Fire and Santa Susana Field Lab

As of **November 12, 2018, 10:00 p.m.**

Our hearts go out to everyone affected by the fires. The Woolsey Fire did burn through a portion of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL). DTSC has been monitoring the status of the site closely.

Our staff were able to access the site Saturday morning and assess damage caused by the fire. We confirmed that the SSFL facilities that previously handled radioactive and hazardous materials were not affected by the fire.

Over the weekend our multi-agency team took measurements of radiation and hazardous compounds, both on the site and in the surrounding community. **The results from this initial round of testing showed no radiation levels above background levels, and no elevated levels of hazardous compounds other than those normally present after a wildfire.**

DTSC is absolutely committed to ensuring the safety of all communities affected by the fires. Out of an abundance of caution, DTSC is coordinating further testing and analysis of community soil and air samples over the next several days. We will provide updates as new information becomes available.

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This is an update as of **4:30 p.m. on Nov. 14, 2018**

On Thursday, November 8, 2018, the Woolsey Fire burned through portions of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL). The area remains closed due to nearby fire activity, but fire personnel stationed on the site continue to monitor fire conditions.

DTSC is working with a multi-agency response team that includes the California Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, California Department of Public Health, United States Environmental Protection Agency Emergency Response, United States Department of Energy Rapid Assessment Unit from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, the Civil Support Team of the United States National Guard, and the Counties of Los Angeles and Ventura.

The multi-agency team has taken radiation, air and soil measurements at the SSFL site. Based on available results, **all the measurements and analyses indicate no radiation or hazardous materials were released from the fire at the SSFL site, and no risk to the public other than the risks normally posed by wildfires and wildfire smoke.**

DTSC scientists and the Response Team will continue to take radiation, air and soil measurements, and collect air and soil samples for analysis at DTSC's Environmental Chemistry Lab and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories. Laboratory analyses require several days to complete. DTSC will provide the results of these analyses, and field measurements, as they become available.

DTSC is absolutely committed to ensuring the safety of all communities affected by the fires. We will provide updates as new information becomes available.

Where can I get more information?

Please check our website at dtsc.ca.gov for updates.

For fire updates and additional local resources go to Cal Fire:

http://www.fire.ca.gov/current_incidents/incidentdetails/Index/2282

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