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California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
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Re: Site Clean-up Requirements for Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC)

Dear Mr. Wolfe;

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I would like to encourage the Regional Water Quality Control Board to require the Department of Energy to employ the highest standard in the ultimate remediation of groundwater and soil at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC), located on Stanford land in San Mateo County.

SLAC is currently operating on Stanford land under an agreement with the Department of Energy. This land is zoned for residential uses. Specifically, San Mateo County's R-E/S-11 zoning code is for Residential Estates and a S-11 district zone is in place in consideration of the slope of the site. The property is in close proximity to residential areas and also the ecologically important Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve. We note that future residential uses are reasonably allowed for the land currently being used by SLAC.

The San Mateo County Board of Supervisors would like to see the Department of Energy submit the "Unrestricted Uses" standard for the remediation of this site for the approval of the RWQCB. This standard would require remediation sufficient to allow residential housing on the property that would be in keeping with the zoning for this property. We understand Stanford University has made a similar request for the "unrestricted uses where feasible" standard be required by the RWQCB.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Richard Gordon
President, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors