



# CITY OF SIMI VALLEY

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September 27, 2006

Mr. Gary Butner  
Radiologic Health Branch Chief  
California Department of Health Services  
MS 7610  
P.O. Box 997414  
Sacramento, CA 95899

Dear Mr. Butner:

On behalf of the Simi Valley City Council, I am writing to request that the Department of Health Services (DHS) conduct an independent review of data and reports related to the potential or actual presence of strontium-90 in Runkle Canyon, Simi Valley, and to advise whether development of the site poses a public health risk. To this end, it is requested that DHS review the environmental impact report documents on the subject property, as well as data that concerned citizens referenced when they presented their concerns to the City Council on August 21 and September 25, 2006. It should be noted that the City Council is interested in ensuring that a safe environment exists for the planned residential development in the area, and that an independent examination of the facts is undertaken. The City Council has no preconceived expectation of what the results of this examination will provide.

Please advise us at your earliest convenience whether DHS will conduct this review and where we should forward the relevant documents. As grading plans are close to approval, time is of the essence.

If you have any questions regarding this request, feel free to contact Assistant City Manager Laura Behjan at (805) 583-6701.

Sincerely,

Mike Sedell  
City Manager

cc: City Council  
City Attorney  
Assistant City Manager  
Director of Environmental Services  
Robert Greger, Department of Health Services