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NASA is the lead federal agency for selecting, implementing, and funding remedial activities at the CERCLA-designated site at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). The U.S. EPA, the California EPA's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), and the State's Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) oversee the NASA groundwater cleanup in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

Major Elements of the ROD

NASA will provide funds to the City of Pasadena to lease treatment equipment and operate the system. Groundwater from the targeted City drinking water wells - Arroyo Well, Well 52, Windsor Well, and Ventura Well - will be treated using a liquid-phase granular activated carbon system to remove volatile organic compounds from the groundwater, and an ion exchange system to remove perchlorate. Pending the City's permitting reviews and approval, the facility will be located on City-owned land adjacent to the Windsor Well and Windsor Reservoir.

Next Steps for the City of Pasadena

The next step is for the City of Pasadena to proceed with the permitting process to construct and operate the plant. The City is required by its ordinances to go through several permitting processes, some of which include public review, before the plant becomes operational. For additional information on the permitting process, the public may contact: Lanny Woo, City of Pasadena Planning and Development Department, at (626) 744-6776.

"Responsiveness Summary" Filed with ROD

As part of the process leading up to this ROD, NASA prepared a Proposed Plan describing how it proposed to conduct this cleanup. NASA conducted public meetings and solicited public comments on its plan. NASA prepared a "responsiveness summary" cataloguing public comments on its proposed plan for the treatment plant as well as NASA's response to those comments. Among issues addressed in comments were the location of the plant and the noise and visual impact it would have on the neighborhood. To respond to these concerns, NASA will fund and provide support to the City to reduce noise during plant construction and improve the aesthetics of the plant area, including landscaping. In addition, the City's Request for Proposals to build the plant includes criteria that consider the prospective vendor's ability to reduce impacts to the nearby community and enable the treatment facility to blend into the site's surroundings.

For a copy of NASA's Interim Record of Decision,

or for more information on NASA's cleanup, contact: Merrilee Fellows, Manager for Community Involvement, NASA Management Office, Jet Propulsion Laboratory 180-801, 4800 Oak Grove Dr., Pasadena, CA 91109. Tel: (818) 393-0754. E-mail: mfellows@nasa.gov.

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