

Laborde Canyon lies southwest of Beaumont in the San Timoteo Badlands, an area of steep hills and sparse vegetation. The site comprises 2,668 acres, most of which were acquired by the Grand Central Rocket Company in the 1950s. A predecessor of Lockheed Martin acquired Grand Central Rocket in the early 1960s. The site now belongs to Riverside County.

Lockheed Martin tested rocket motors and solid rocket propellant in five areas of operation at the site. Initial cleanup activities began at the site in 1984 when Polychlorinated Biphenyl-contaminated asphalt and associated sand and gravel were removed. Ten years later Lockheed Martin removed more than 800 tons of waste from the Garbage Disposal Area. In 2003 the corporation began extensive investigations and evaluations at the site. Based on its investigations, Lockheed Martin submitted a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) to the California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) in 2014. Public review of the Laborde Canyon RAP occurred in 2016; and DTSC approved the RAP in 2016.

Throughout its remediation work, Lockheed Martin will take care to protect the environment, as it has during all its investigations. Biological surveys will be conducted to identify the burrows of the Stephens' Kangaroo Rat, an endangered species, the burrows of the burrowing owl, and active nests of sensitive birds. Trained biologists will be present during construction to protect these animals. Construction workers will be trained on how to avoid harming wildlife.

Further information regarding the Lockheed Propulsion