



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
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Sent Via Email

Dear Community Members:

Thank you for attending the December 7, 2010 meeting with EPA Assistant Administrator Mathy Stanislaus, Region 9 Administrator Jared Blumenfeld and others from Region 9. We appreciate the concerns that community representatives pointed out during the tour, and the group's perspectives about being actively involved in the cleanup decision-making process.

Since the Navy is the lead agency responsible for the Shipyard cleanup and community involvement, EPA, in our regulatory oversight role, has taken steps to engage the Navy in following up on the issues. This is our initial response and we are continuing to work on the specific issues and recommendations community representatives provided at the meeting. We will supplement this response after further consultation with the Navy.

We have taken the following immediate actions:

- We advised the Navy to repair the holes in the perimeter fencing and provide EPA with a schedule of inspections and repairs which we will share with you. We will also follow up after the holidays with an inspection of security features and procedures at the entrance and along the fence, including signage and contact information. Moreover, it is important to note that areas of active remediation have separate fencing.
- We advised the Navy to provide detailed agendas to the community at least one week prior to any meetings and to involve the community in setting future meeting agendas.
- We advised the Navy to begin taking minutes at future community meetings and to post the minutes on the project website for public accessibility.

Regarding technical assistance to help the community understand all the cleanup issues and to review and comment on Navy documents, EPA continues to provide such services through our community Technical Assistance Grant (TAG), which is currently administered by the India Basin Neighborhood Association. We encourage your group and all community members to work with the India Basin Neighborhood Association and take advantage of the support offered by the TAG technical experts.

As for community involvement more broadly, we will take into consideration your recommendations as we work with the Navy on its draft *Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Community Involvement Plan (CIP)*, scheduled for release in early 2011. Among other things, the draft CIP will identify ways to make site information more accessible to the community and foster meaningful community input into cleanup decisions. The document will reinforce EPA's and the Navy's commitments to effective community engagement. I encourage you to provide

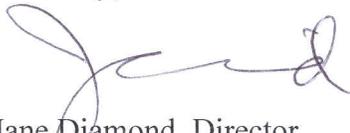
input to help shape the specific elements of the CIP. When the draft CIP becomes available, EPA anticipates hosting a community meeting with the Navy to seek broad community input and dialogue on the draft Plan before it is finalized. In the meantime, EPA is looking into the community involvement program at the Longhorn, TX facility, which Wilma Subra raised as a potential model for Hunters Point.

In keeping with our shared interest in making sure the community is fully aware of key activities related to the Shipyard cleanup, please note that the Navy's draft Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET) for Parcels B and G is currently available for public comment until January 14, 2011. The FOSET describes the Navy's completed cleanup actions, as well as cleanup actions that the City will complete upon transfer, enforcement methods, and restrictions on the property use before and after cleanup. The document is on EPA's webpage: www.epa.gov/region09/HuntersPointNavalShipyard

Finally, attached is a new fact sheet that explains the regulators' role in the Shipyard cleanup and early transfer processes. Please feel free to share this fact sheet with other community contacts.

We appreciate your ongoing interest in the Shipyard cleanup and look forward to continuing our work with you and the Hunters Point community at large.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jane Diamond', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

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Enclosure