

Via Email January 3, 2011

Dear Community Member:

EPA would like to clarify the statement in Jane Diamond's letter dated 12/22/2010 about public comment on the Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET). In addition to the current comment period on the **first draft of the FOSET** mentioned in the letter, there will be **an official public comment period starting in several months**. As part of our effort to provide the Hunters Point community opportunities for early engagement, EPA and the Navy provided the community with a copy of the draft FOSET document at the same time that the regulators are reviewing it for the first time.

The community is welcome to provide comments on this early draft FOSET, but should also comment during the formal 30-day public comment period required by the statute that will come later. In reviewing the December 2010 draft FOSET, it is important to keep in mind that the regulators have not reviewed the Navy's draft and we anticipate that EPA and the State will have comments which will be addressed in subsequent versions. The formal 30-day public comment period required by the statute will take place after regulators' comments on the draft FOSET, as well as any comments received from the public, have been addressed. We anticipate this official public review of the FOSET will happen in the spring and at that time, drafts of all the documents referenced in the FOSET will also be available.

Thank you for your continued interest and involvement in the cleanup at the Shipyard. If you have any questions about the Shipyard cleanup or community involvement effort, please call Mark Ripperda at 415 972-3028, Sarah Kloss at 415 972-3156 or myself at 415 972-3236.

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