



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
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September 27, 2010

David Chiu, President
Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Mr. Chiu,

As you know, Mark Ripperda of EPA testified at the Board of Supervisors July 13, 2010 hearing on the appeals challenging the City of San Francisco Environmental Impact Report for the former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. By this letter, I am forwarding to you EPA's response to Monique Harden of Advocates for Environmental Human Rights who expressed concern that EPA's participation in the hearing may have implied that EPA has a position with respect to the specific development plans at the site. Our letter to Ms. Harden clarifies that EPA does not have a position on the specific development proposal approved by the Board. Consistent with EPA's testimony, EPA's role is to focus on the cleanup and ensure that the property is safe for any potential development. EPA will remain involved in the project before and after property transfer to assure that all necessary actions are taken prior to approving occupation or use of specific areas.

If you have any questions or concerns about EPA's role at Hunters Point, please contact me at 415-947-8709, or your staff may call Mark Ripperda at 415-972-3028.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Diamond", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jane Diamond
Director
Superfund Division

cc: Monique Harden, Advocates for Environmental Human Rights