UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

October 9, 2009

Via Email
RE:AX-09-001-4375

Dear Brother Leon Muhammad:

Thank you for your email to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson dated September 23, 2009 concerning the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund site and redevelopment issues. I have been asked to respond to this email. In the email, you shared your concerns with the Navy's proposal to dissolve the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB), concerns regarding exposure to dust and asbestos as a result of development of Parcel A and the Navy cleanup at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund site. In addition, you requested to meet with the Administrator.

We were pleased to have arranged for you and Minister Christopher Muhammad to meet with Administrator Jackson on September 27, 2009 as part of her quest to hear directly from the communities we serve. The Administrator appreciates the information Minister Muhammad shared. As you know, EPA Region 9 is continuing to work with the U.S. Navy regarding its intent to dissolve the RAB. EPA's position is that the Navy should work with the existing RAB to resolve communication issues and also not limit community involvement to RAB meetings. The EPA has been working with you to address your concerns about asbestos and dust exposures as a result of the Lennar development and cleanup at the site. We will be getting in touch with you shortly to schedule a meeting to discuss the results. In addition, we have been working with EPA's Technical Assistance Services for Communities contract mechanism to develop a Technical Needs Assessment with the help of Michael Lythcott, E2. It is hoped that this vehicle will help the community design a matrix to help address the community concerns.

If you have any further questions, please call me at (415) 972-3087.

Sincerely,

Dana Barton, Chief
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