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Alexis Strauss, Acting Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX

Matt Rodriquez, Secretary
California Environmental Protection Agency

Derek J. Robinson, PE, BRAC Environmental Coordinator
Navy BRAC PMO West

Dear Administrator Strauss, Secretary Rodriquez, and Mr. Robinson:

We write to express our continuing concerns about cleanup of contamination at the Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site, and to request additional transparency and community involvement in determining next steps for site remediation and improved protection of human and environmental health. Save The Bay is the largest regional organization working to protect and restore San Francisco Bay for people and wildlife, with more than 50,000 supporters throughout the Bay Area.

We appreciate the actions taken to date by federal and state agencies to address contamination on site, including the 2016 decision to suspend parcel transfers after revelations regarding widespread falsification of radioactive soil samples at the site by contractor Tetra Tech. However, actions taken since that time have done little to reassure us that proper soil re-testing will be conducted, and that remediation to high standards will be completed to fully protect people and wildlife. In particular, we object to plans that could leave radioactive and toxic waste in Bay shoreline locations where rising sea levels and groundwater tables pose a risk of future migration and contamination of the environment.

Additional actions are urgently needed by U.S. EPA, the Department of the Navy and state agencies to ensure site cleanup to high standards that will protect human health through the coming decades, and will restore public confidence that the site and its planned uses are safe. Toward that end, we request that you:

- Conduct comprehensive sampling and testing of the entire Shipyard site, including parcels already transferred and adjacent areas where dumping may have occurred. New testing should include surface scanning and sub-surface core sampling, and should be conducted with community oversight and participation to re-establish confidence in results.

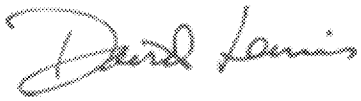
- Increase transparency and meaningful opportunities for public participation in decisions regarding the Shipyard, and open "Tiger Team" meetings among agencies to include additional stakeholders from the affected public.

- Provide technical assistance grants to the Hunters Point community so the most directly-affected members of the public can fully participate in decisions about future site cleanup, and can retain qualified independent experts to inform that participation.

- Affirm that contractors found to have falsified samples and reports, or committed similar violations, will not be hired again at the Shipyard or other state and federal cleanup sites

We appreciate your consideration of these urgent requests, and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Ed Lee, Mayor
City of San Francisco

Barbara Lee, Director
California Department of Toxic Substances Control