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Administrator Gina McCarthy
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

It has come to our attention that, due to ongoing investigations regarding the integrity of data delivered by Tetra Tech to the Navy, the transfer of Navy property at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard to the City and County of San Francisco may be delayed.

The safety of our residents and workers is paramount, and we are committed to a thorough cleanup at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. This cleanup must be done in a way that protects the public health of our residents and the environment, and we are very supportive of the Environmental Protection Agency and the California Department of Toxic Substance Control undertaking a full review of any questionable data in furtherance of comprehensive cleanup.

San Francisco will not accept the transfer of any land until federal and state regulators are satisfied that the land is clean and safe, and our own Department of Public Health validates that decision.

The environmental cleanup of the property is a critical first step in the process of developing Hunters Point Shipyard – a project that will deliver desperately needed housing and long-overdue public benefits to the Hunters Point community. For that reason, we are requesting a briefing with senior Environmental Protection Agency leadership, confidential if necessary, so that we may better understand the scope and timelines of the investigations, and any potential impacts to the overall schedule for the delivery of these public benefits.

Sincerely,

Edwin M. Lee
Mayor, City & County of San Francisco

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Cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Democratic Leader, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, United States Senator, California

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