The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Pelosi:

Thank you for your letter of May 14, 2018, to U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and U.S. Navy Secretary Richard V. Spencer, concerning the status of ongoing cleanup and conveyance activities at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site. I have been asked to respond on Administrator Pruitt's behalf. EPA shares the concerns raised in your letter and is committed to ensuring the cleanup is complete and the community is involved throughout this process.

The Navy recently released a draft workplan for the first parcel to be retested, Parcel G, for regulatory agency and public review this month. EPA will be reviewing the draft workplan and working with the Navy and state regulatory agencies to ensure the retesting and cleanup is protective of public health at the site.

Regarding the new allegations about Parcel A at the former Navy property, the Navy and EPA participated in a site walk with the individuals who made the allegations, and we are reviewing the information provided. While that review proceeds, the Navy and EPA agree that it is prudent to proceed with plans to test the area. The Navy has requested that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) conduct radiological testing throughout Parcel A-1, which is where residents are located and which represents the majority of Parcel A. CDPH has agreed to conduct the requested testing and has already conducted a site visit with EPA, which would inform the development of a workplan over the next two months. EPA will work with the State and the Navy in reviewing that workplan and implementing a proactive communications plan to engage with you and other elected officials, as well as residents and the media, as the workplan is developed and work begins.

Based on the history of the site and work completed to date, EPA does not believe that individuals currently living or working at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, including in and around Parcel A, face health risks due to fraudulent data collection work by the Navy's contractor,Tetra Tech EC Inc., at the other parcels. The areas in question at those other parcels are fenced, enclosed under protective covers and/or inside locked buildings in secured locations. In addition, the Navy routinely collects radiological data from air monitors, groundwater, and fence-line scans, and implements dust control measures – all to protect the community during ongoing cleanup and investigation work.

I understand that you have concerns about suspension, debarment and other forms of legal action against Tetra Tech Inc. and its subsidiary Tetra Tech EC Inc. The Navy has been designated as the lead agency at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard and is evaluating appropriate actions with regard to Tetra Tech EC Inc.'s activities, and EPA is coordinating with the Navy on this issue.

EPA remains committed to keeping your office informed about developments at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site. I am aware that our Superfund Division Director, Enrique Manzanilla, and his staff have provided regular updates to your Chief of Staff, Robert Edmonson, and we will continue to be available to address any questions from your office. If EPA can be of further assistance, please contact me, or your staff may contact Region 9's Congressional Liaison, Brent Maier, at (415) 947-4256 or via e-mail at maier.brent@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael Stoker

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The Honorable Kamala Harris, Senator
The Honorable Richard Spencer, Secretary of the Navy
The Honorable Mark Farrell, Mayor, City and County of San Francisco
The Honorable Malia Cohen, Supervisor, City and County of San Francisco
Matt Rodriquez, Secretary for Environmental Protection, State of California
Barbara Lee, Director, California Department of Toxic Substances Control
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