The Honorable Mike Farrell, Mayor
City and County of San Francisco
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4681

Dear Mayor Farrell:

Thank you for your letter of May 14, 2018, to Enrique Manzanilla, Division Director, Superfund Program, EPA Region 9, and to Laura Duchnak, Director, U.S. Navy BRAC Program Management Office. You requested assurances for current residents of the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS) that it is safe for residential use.

Based on the work completed to date and history of the site, EPA does not believe anyone living or working at HPNS faces health risks due to fraudulent data collection work by Tetra Tech EC Inc. The areas in question are enclosed under protective covers or inside locked buildings in secured locations. Routinely, the Navy collects radiological data from air monitors, groundwater, and fence-line scans. These measures, and others such as dust controls, protect the community during ongoing cleanup and investigation work.

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 they 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 perform the requested testing and has already conducted a site visit with EPA, which would inform the development of a workplan over the next month. EPA is giving support to the Navy, the overall site lead, and the State of California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the lead on the Parcel A scanning, to test Parcel A in an efficient and health-protective protective approach. We are also supporting the lead agencies to implement a proactive communications strategy that includes communicating with you, residents, and the press as CDPH develops the workplan for testing and implements its plan at Parcel A.

EPA remains committed to keeping your office informed about developments at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site. If my office can be of further assistance, please give me a call at (213) 215-3104 or via e-mail at stoker.michael@epa.gov 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
Regional Administrator