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Subject: FW: 3/16 EJ Task Force Mtg - Carol Harvey linked Treasure Island to this issue RE: Hunters Point article
Attachments: Tetra Tech Choice_ML16042A074.pdf

Keeping you in the loop. I told Lily that TI is a state lead site and that this information should be passed on to the state RPM. But we will need to keep tabs on this because Dan Hirsch and Bradley Angel could be a formidable pair.

Loren

From: LEE, LILY
Sent: Friday, March 18, 2016 9:12 AM
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Subject: 3/16 EJ Task Force Mtg - Carol Harvey linked Treasure Island to this issue RE: Hunters Point article

Dear Nadia,

At yesterday's Bayview Hunters Point EJ Task Force Meeting, Carol Harvey attended. She talked about concerns about radiation at Treasure Island and said that these issues are linked to Hunters Point because the Navy had hired Tetra Tech in Treasure Island also. Bradley Angel, the Exec Dir of Greenaction, which runs the EJ Task Force, said that he wanted to keep the Treasure Island concerns as part of what the EJ Task Force would address.

Bradley invited Dan Hirsch, who Loren knows from Santa Susanna, to be Greenaction's technical advisor. Bradley invited Dan to present at the 4/21 EJ Task Force Mtg 6-8 pm about radiation at Hunters Point.

Here's the weekly entry re the Hunters Pt issue:

NBC news airs Hunters Point Naval Shipyard contract worker who claims he was ordered to hide radiation

Last week, NBC news featured a former Tetra Tech EC contract employee at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund site who "claims supervisors ordered him to hide radiation." He stated that he was told to replace potentially contaminated soil samples with clean ones, hide potentially contaminated soil into open trenches, and falsify records. Since 2012, the Navy discovered questionable Tetra Tech EC practices, some related to these claims. The company has redone work. EPA and other agencies have reviewed that new work to ensure protectiveness. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which oversees Tetra Tech EC's license for radiation cleanup, issued the company a Letter of Apparent Violation last month and is considering escalated enforcement action. The Navy and several other agencies are also investigating the allegations that are new. Region 9's press office has prepared a desk statement in case of public inquiries. The article is at this link: http://www.nbcbayarea.com/investigations/Former-Hunters-Point-Worker-Claims-Supervisors-Ordered-Him-to-Hide-Radiation-371723561.html. (Lily Lee 7-4187, Jackie Lane 2-3236)

In case you had already heard this yet, as referenced in the NBC news article, the NRC, after concluding its investigation of Tetra Tech at HPNS, recently issued a notice of apparent violation and is considering escalated enforcement action. Attached is the NRC letter to Tetra Tech. Below is an excerpt:

"The OI investigation revealed that a Radiation Control Technician (RCT) and a Radiation Task Supervisor (RTS) working for Tetra Tech at HPNS deliberately falsified soil sample surveys. Specifically, the RCT testified to the OI investigator, that he was tasked to obtain soil samples from specified areas within Parcel C that Tetra Tech engineers had physically marked and also identified on a map. However, the RCT stated that, when sufficiently low contamination levels were not obtained, the RTS would direct the RCT to move 5 to 10 feet in another direction and obtain a new sample from that location. Meanwhile, the new sample would be represented as having been obtained from the original, specified location. The RCT also testified that there were a number of occasions when he accompanied the RTS to obtain soil from an area known to be less contaminated, and reported the soil as having come from the location identified by the engineers.

The RTS, who was responsible for monitoring the work the technicians performed in the field, testified to OI that, on approximately 10 to 15 occasions, he deviated from where the engineers instructed the technicians to dig without following protocol. However, the RTS stated that this was done to avoid obstructions (e.g., utility lines, buildings) within the specified area. Although the RTS denied obtaining samples from unspecified locations in order to obtain lower contamination levels, he confirmed that he had signed two chain-of-custody forms for samples that the licensee determined had anomalously low levels for the specified location. OI concluded that the evidence supported that the samples were obtained from a location other than the one specified.

Based on the evidence gathered during the OI investigation, it appears that the RCT and RTS had deliberately falsified soil sample surveys of the HPNS Parcel C."

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Subject: Hunters Point article

Hi Lily—Saw this article, but I'm sure you're aware of what this is about? I was wondering if you know if the Navy used the same contractors at Treasure Island or if you've heard the community mention any concerns about Treasure Island in the context of this article so we can be prepared in case we get inquiries?

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