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Update on Parcel A scanning

Statement: After completing about 90% of scanning activities on Parcel A-1, information collected continues to confirm that area is safe. California Department of Public Health technicians have identified and investigated anomalous readings at twenty-eight locations. Twenty-seven of the anomalous readings were determined to be caused by naturally occurring radiological constituents found in landscaping materials, such as wood chips and fertilizer.

One anomalous reading was identified as a historical deck marker and removed by the Navy. The 1.5-inch deck marker was found approximately 10 inches below the surface and did not pose a risk to people living or working at Hunters Point. The deck marker was located just west of the Department of Public Works trailer, at the bottom of the hill on the north side of parcel A-1, in an undeveloped area behind a fence. Deck markers were typically used to illuminate ship pathways and are similar to the personnel markers clipped to a belt or helmet to enable sailors operating under darkened conditions to identify each other's positions.

California Department of Public Health officials are close to completing scanning of Parcel A and information collected continues to reinforce that the site is safe. For regular updates of California Department of Public Health activities, please see their website at:

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CEH/DRSEM/Pages/RHB-Environment/Hunters-Point-Naval-Shipyard-Parcel-A-1-Survey.aspx/#