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From: Maier, Brent
Sent: Wed 9/12/2018 10:49:47 PM
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] U.S. EPA - internal EPA timeline and Observations about the Issue at Parcel A

Jeanine -

Thank you for the update and your quick follow up on this request. I will look for some additional information to come my way tomorrow that you plan to share with Senators Feinstein and Harris' office. Stay safe with all the weather-related issues on the East Coast.

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From: Womble, Jeanine B CDR OLA, LA-63 [mailto:jeanine.womble@navy.mil]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 2:19 PM
To: Maier, Brent <Maier.Brent@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] U.S. EPA - internal EPA timeline and Observations about the Issue at Parcel A

Brent,

Spoke with Laura who agreed we should have a call with stakeholders and asked me to make initial contact with Robert in Leader Pelosi's Office to talk about scheduling a call later in the week. We were on the phone with Robert 15 minutes later. The good news is that the office immediately was able to put the level of radiation associated with a deck marker in context and said they did not need an additional call. They did ask to be looped into the coordinated messaging ahead of time by email and emphasized the need to provide context accessible to a lay person (e.g. similar radiation level to your grandfather's watch or slightly more than your smoke detector). I know CDPH is working on providing that information.

We have not yet talked to Sen Harris or Sen Feinstein's Office. Based on this experience we are now thinking that sending a picture of the item with an explanation and promise of sharing the messaging prior to release is a sufficient initial step. The goal is to do this tomorrow.

This all happened very quickly and we sort of went with it. We weren't trying to usurp a group call and emphasized the level of coordination and support from regulators and other stakeholders. Kim at BRAC PMO is going to call Nadia who she works with regularly and let her know we made contact with Leader Pelosi's Office. I will send you what we plan to send to the Senators as soon as I have it for your info.

Best,
Jeanine

From: Maier, Brent
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 2:45:30 PM
To: Womble, Jeanine B CDR OLA, LA-63
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] U.S. EPA - internal EPA timeline and Observations about the Issue at Parcel

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Jeanine –

Thank you for calling me. As we discussed, here is an internal EPA timeline and some observations about the issue at Parcel A. Please do not distribute this externally as this was developed to brief our senior management. In a separate message, I will send to you the contacts that I reach out to in the offices of Senators Feinstein and Harris and Rep. Pelosi. My reason to reach out to you is highlighted in the text below. Once you have a chance to connect with Laura Duchnak and determine any outreach plans to Congressional Members, please keep me in the loop and know that EPA is interested in joining that discussion if possible.

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At Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, on September 11, the Navy found a buried ship's deck marker, a 2-inch diameter disc containing Radium 226, at Parcel A in a fenced-off area downhill about 300 feet from the nearest occupied residences. The Navy removed it, leaving no contamination behind. Public access to this area has been restricted for years due to a heavily vegetated slope and chain link fencing. More details are below:

Timeline

Friday, 9/7 – CDPH hand scanning found a hot spot with a dose of 80 micro Roentgens/hour (uR/hr), vs. background 5 uR/hr. For reference, at 2,000 uR/hr, the CDPH and NRC require restricting public access and posting warning signs. CDPH notified Navy.

Monday, 9/10

* 2 pm – Navy contractor (Aptim) scanned the spot and reported to Navy.
* CDPH contacted the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH), and San Francisco Office of Investment and Infrastructure (OCII).
* 5 pm – CDPH notified EPA. EPA management contacted Navy management and encouraged swift excavation and testing. EPA staff contacted DTSC, SFDPH, and OCII staff.

Tuesday, 9/11

* 8:40 am – EPA staff arrived onsite.
* 9 am – EPA staff asked Navy staff and counsel to excavate and test swiftly.
* 9:30 am – Navy contractor announced excavation scheduled for 12:30 pm.
* 12:30 pm – Navy contactor arrived. Staff from EPA, Navy, SFDPH, and OCII observed and recorded.
* 1 pm – After digging 10.5 inches deep, the Navy contractor found and removed a deck marker for transport to the Navy Headquarters Radiological Affairs Support Office for further investigation. The CDPH measured 3,300 microR/hr from the deck marker. After removing the deck marker, CDPH found no elevated dose from the hole or from the overburden soil. The Navy replaced the soil. EPA asked OCII to repair damaged fence.
* 2 pm – EPA encouraged CDPH to notify City and Congressional elected officials.

Wednesday, 9/12 – Meeting in San Francisco of staff and counsel of EPA, DTSC, Navy, SFDPH, OCII,

and Lennar/Five Point. Senior Management from EPA (Angeles and John Chesnutt), Navy, CDPH, and DTSC will join by phone.

Next steps

* EPA will encourage Navy/CDPH to notify quickly City and Congressional elected officials and the public, schedule a date/time for a Home Owners Association meeting as soon as possible, and begin planning to scan inside homes.

* OPA/Superfund is drafting a desk statement about EPA's oversight role.