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Subject: Confirming from Navy FW: Tetra Tech & Rad - confirming my notes

Here's what I just got from the Navy

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From: Robinson, Derek J CIV NAVFAC HQ, BRAC PMO [mailto:derek.j.robinson1@navy.mil]
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Subject: RE: Tetra Tech & Rad - confirming my notes

Dear Lily,

Here is what I can officially confirm.

Investigations by multiple agencies are on-going. Mr. Anthony Smith has been interviewed as part of at least some of these investigations.

. The BRAC office has entered unfavorable reviews about Tetra Tech's performance at Hunters Point to the contract actions responsible for anomalous soil sampling. Tetra Tech has not been awarded new contracts in 2015 or 2016 at Hunters Point. However, Tetra Tech is currently completing work under previously awarded contracts.

So far, Mr. Smith has stated the following:

. He worked for Tetra Tech during the period of time that soil samples were in question.

. He was ordered to collect confirmation samples from remediated areas that were later replaced with other soils.

. Confirmation soil samples that were not sent to the lab were used as fill in excavated areas.

. He observed falsification of samples on confirmation sampling after cleanup was conducted.

. At Building 351A, before remediation, a sample in the crawl space under the building was found to be contaminated. The area was remediated. Tetra Tech falsified confirmation sampling that was collected in this area.

. Tetra Tech's motivation was to close out the backfilling of trenches sooner to save resources.

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. Included all radiological samples collected by Tetra Tech during this period and under the implicated contracts for radiological projects at Hunters Point.

. Did not include information from Mr. Smith because he could not be reached for interviews during the time of the investigation.

The Navy's Radiation Affairs Support Office (RASO) is evaluating allegations by Mr. Smith.

Radium has not been detected at levels of concern in groundwater at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. There is no reason to believe that the soil sampling activities alleged by Mr. Smith would cause a groundwater issue.

Derek