Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Radiological Investigation
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The United States Navy (Navy) is the lead agency responsible for the investigation and cleanup of the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site (HPNS). The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of California regulatory agency partners (State) oversee and enforce Navy compliance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (commonly called the Superfund law) and other requirements to ensure the cleanup at HPNS protects human health and the environment.

The transfer of some HPNS parcels to the City of San Francisco for redevelopment has been delayed at least a year due to the falsification of radiation data by the Navy's contractor, Tetra Tech EC, Inc. The Navy, under EPA oversight, is addressing these falsifications by re-assessing past data, taking new samples, and, if necessary, conducting additional cleanup.

EPA is taking this data falsification very seriously, as preventing current and future residents and workers from being exposed to contamination is our utmost priority. EPA has evaluated the allegations made against Tetra Tech EC and has concluded that the multiple layers of oversight in place at HPNS have prevented and will continue to prevent current residents and workers from being exposed to contamination above health-based standards. Under EPA and State oversight, an independent third-party contractor (not Tetra Tech EC) has been hired by the Navy to evaluate past data, conduct re-sampling, and evaluate new data taken from areas resampled. This independent effort will evaluate the potential for exposure to future residents and workers. The results will determine if more cleanup action is necessary before transfer of additional property to the City/County of San Francisco proceeds.

Independent radiological monitoring of dust, groundwater, ground surfaces, and fence lines have shown no exceedances of health-based standards, and independent third party contractors routinely conduct in-person observations of current radiological cleanup work. Additionally, EPA and the Navy have agreed that the Navy will not propose any further transfers of property at HPNS without confirming through investigation results and/or other actions that the cleanup standards for radiological contamination have been met.

For a status update on the site's cleanup, please contact William Franklin, U.S. Navy Public Affairs Officer, at (619) 524-5433.