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Subject: FW: Follow-up on our meeting and your latest request
Attachments: EPA Recommendations to Navy re Tetra Tech ECI summary 12-14-2016.pdf; Tetra Tech Ltr to Navy from DTSC EPA 9.13.2016.pdf; Parcel A of the former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard and Radiation_10-18-16.pdf; Rad risk Artist Studios Bldg 606_10-18-16.pdf; Hunters Pt radiation cleanup standards desk statement 8-25-2016.pdf

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Subject: Follow-up on our meeting and your latest request

Dear Community Stakeholders:

Thank you for your request to attend the January 18, 2017, EJ Task Force meeting from 6pm-8pm at the Southeast College. Both Jackie Lane and Lily Lee, the subject matter experts on the Hunters Point Shipyard site, will not be able to attend your January meeting due to prior commitments. As we mentioned to you at the December 20, 2016, meeting, the Navy is planning a community meeting for February 8, 2016. That will be the best opportunity to get more thorough updates. If you have remaining unanswered questions, Jackie and Lily can attend the February 15, 2017 EJ Task Force Meeting.

The Navy is devoting new resources to develop and implement an enhanced communications plan with input from EPA and the State. Nevertheless, EPA and DTSC have relayed to the Navy input we have received from you and other community representatives. More fact sheets and meetings are forthcoming and future outreach efforts will include your group along with other community stakeholders. I strongly recommend that you, individually and collectively, participate in the upcoming increased engagement opportunities, such as the upcoming February 8 meeting. Your voices should be heard by others in the community at large as well as by the Navy and other agencies.

I appreciate you coming to EPA's office on December 20, 2016, and meeting with me, my staff and, by phone, Grant Cope, State of California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), Moshen Nazemi, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), and DTSC staff to discuss your concerns about the Tetra Tech ECI investigation conducted by the Navy at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Site. As I expressed at our meeting, I take this issue and the whole process very seriously. As you requested attached is my December 14, 2016, letter to the Navy affirming the importance of conducting a thorough and scientifically based investigation, including new sampling, and for meaningful community involvement. Tetra Tech is the Navy's contractor and the Navy is taking action and should have more to share soon.

I understand that many community members are concerned about current exposures. The attached fact sheet about Parcel A states, "In 2002, EPA conducted a radiological scanner van survey of Parcel A and navigable roads on other parts of the Shipyard. All of the anomalies detected during the scan were attributable to natural

occurring sources at levels consistent with what would normally be found in the environment." Furthermore, Tetra Tech, ECI, did not do any radiological work at Parcel A except at Building 322, which was demolished and removed many years ago.

In addition, the Navy routinely monitors for radionuclides through air monitors upwind and downwind of radiological cleanup sites. The Navy also performs weekly scans at the perimeter of active radiological worksites. In addition, the Navy routinely collects radionuclide groundwater samples at radiological sites. Finally, the Navy has hired a third party independent contractor for routine on-site oversight of radiological work. Monitoring is done by multiple different contractors independent of Tetra Tech, ECI. None of these efforts has indicated exposure to current residents to levels of radiation that exceed health-based standards.

Another concern I heard from you was transparency and communication. I was concerned when Bradley stated that his organization did not receive the EPA/DTSC September 13, 2016, letter until a month later and that he got it from the press instead of from the agencies. I want my staff to communicate with you and the other community stakeholders, so I followed up after our meeting and confirmed that John Chesnutt on my staff emailed that letter to Bradley on September 14, 2016. On September 16, 2016, Greenaction issued a press release making reference to that letter. I have asked my staff to continue to ensure a prompt and coordinated approach to information sharing with you and other community stakeholders.

In addition, my staff have discussed most of the issues raised on December 20, 2016, at multiple monthly EJ Task Force meeting earlier this year. As you requested, I am sending the attached electronic copies of letters and fact sheets listed below that EPA has shared with you at December 20, 2016, meeting and/or at multiple EJ Task Force meetings.

If you have further questions, do not hesitate to call Lily Lee, EPA Project Manager, at (415) 947-4187 or Jackie Lane, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at (415) 972-3236. If anyone has any questions, tips, or complaints related to enforcement, please contact Jay Green, Director of the EPA Region 9 Criminal Investigation Division, at 415-947-4650 or Green.Jay-M@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Enrique Manzanilla
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US EPA Region IX

Documents Provided at the Meeting:
December 14, 2016: EPA Letter to Navy management with recommendations on the Tetra Tech technical review and evaluation and community involvement.
October 2 and 12, 2016: Summaries of conditions at Parcel A, Building 606, and Artist Studios. EPA already offered these to participants at the October and November EJ Task Force meetings.
September 13, 2016: EPA Letter to Navy management
August 25, 2016: Summary about EPA's evaluation of cleanup and radiological standards. EPA already offered these at multiple EJ Task Force meetings and distributed earlier versions of these to Greenaction staff at the June 2016 meeting at the Greenaction office.

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