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John –

Thank you for providing the information below. Amy and I are meeting with my Commission and members of the public this afternoon. If there are any follow up items that require the EPA's attention, I will be in touch.

All the best,

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Subject: Parcel A concerns regarding radiological exposure

Dear Amy and Tamsen,

Per our recent discussion, I understand that residents at Parcel A of the former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard ("Shipyard") have been asking questions about their potential current exposure to radiation. Here is what EPA knows about the history and cleanup of Parcel A that led us to remove that portion of the site from the Superfund National Priorities List and to approve the Navy's transfer of Parcel A:

- Historically, the majority of Parcel A was used for residences and administrative offices, not industrial activities.

- The only radiological materials found at Parcel A were sandblast grit and firebricks. These have been removed. Former Buildings 322, 816, and 821 had potential for radiological contamination. The Navy scanned all three buildings and did not find radiological contamination above required cleanup levels. Buildings 322 and 816 were demolished and removed. Building 821 is located on Crisp Road, not in the developed portion of Parcel A. No other sources of radiological contamination were identified during the investigation or cleanup of Parcel A.

- 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.

- We have no reason to question any cleanup work performed on Parcel A. To date no allegations have been made regarding the integrity of any of the cleanup work conducted at Parcel A.

- Parcel A was removed from the Superfund National Priorities List in 1999 and was found suitable for transfer in 2004. If it would be helpful, I can provide copies of the Finding of Suitability to Transfer and the de-listing decision.

As you know, the Navy is the lead agency responsible for the investigation and cleanup of the Shipyard and holds the Administrative Record for the site. EPA and its state regulatory agency partners oversee and enforce Navy compliance with Superfund requirements to ensure the cleanup at the Shipyard protects human health and the environment. For more information on the Shipyard investigation and cleanup, contact Derek Robinson, Navy Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Environmental Coordinator: 619-524-6026, derek.j.robinson1@navy.mil.

If you would like to discuss EPA's oversight role, please contact me 415-972-3005 or Lily Lee on my staff at 415-947-4187 or lee.lily@epa.gov.

Thanks,

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