



City and County of San Francisco
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San Francisco Department of Public Health

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Dear Hunters Point Shipyard Citizens Advisory Committee and Bayview-Hunters Point Community Partners,

We are writing to provide you with an important update on the ongoing environmental restoration efforts at the former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, led by the U.S. Navy.

As a safety measure, the Navy monitors the air during its investigative work. In October 2025, the Navy informed the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) that an air sample collected in November 2024 at Parcel C of the Shipyard detected airborne plutonium (Pu-239) at a level above the established "Action Level." An Action Level is a threshold that triggers further investigation and ensures the Navy confirms all protective measures are in place. According to the Navy, all other air samples of plutonium-239 collected throughout the year at Parcel C remained below the Action Level. To view all of the Navy's published air monitoring reports for the Shipyard, click on the "Air Monitoring" tab in the "Documents" section of this website: <https://www.bracpmo.navy.mil/BRAC-Bases/California/Former-Naval-Shipyard-Hunters-Point/>

Full transparency with our communities and the Department of Public Health is critical, and we share your deep concerns regarding the 11-month delay in communication from the Navy. The City and County of San Francisco has firmly requested that U.S. Navy representatives for the former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard immediately:

- Provide all data and documentation related to this incident, including all information on activities that may have contributed to it.
- Share all response actions taken to date by the Navy, its contractors, and regulatory agencies.
- Provide the full year of air monitoring data to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for independent review.

While the Navy is responsible for addressing and managing contamination at the Shipyard, the EPA is the federal regulatory agency that oversees the Navy's activities to ensure the Navy is meeting federal safety standards. We have requested that the EPA:

- Share how it will ensure the Navy complies with the EPA's safety standards, especially around air samples collected at the site.

- Maintain consistent oversight of future site activities, such as demolitions.
- Ensure all work is carefully inspected by qualified safety experts.
- Continue to support information sharing so that all regulators are fully informed.

Our Commitment to You

The City and County of San Francisco and SFPDPH will:

- Share information promptly as we receive it.
- Hold federal and state partners accountable to the highest safety standards.
- Advocate for regulatory agencies to protect the health of all community members, including residents, workers, and artists at or near the site.

We demand nothing short of full transparency and prompt communication from our federal partners and regulatory agencies to ensure your safety.

Sincerely,



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