## Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice Bayview Hunters Point Mothers and Fathers Committee for Health and Environmental Justice Clean Air Health Alliance

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Alexis Strauss Acting Regional Administrator United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX

RE: CH2M Hill and the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard

Dear Mr. Robinson and Ms. Strauss,

We are writing on behalf of our community members and constituents who are residents of Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco to express our concern, shock and outrage to learn that the Navy, with EPA approval, has hired CH2M Hill for work at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site.

While we appreciate your agencies' action in September halting transfers of parcels from the Hunters Point Shipyard in response to Tetra Tech's falsification of hundreds of radioactive soil samples at the site, current and future investigations and remedial actions must have integrity and must fully protect the people, community and environment from this highly contaminated area.

CH2M Hill was hired despite your knowledge that this company was fined by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District in 2006 \$515,000 for falsifying data regarding their work at the Shipyard.

Hiring a company that falsified data at the Shipyard to review data from another company that falsified hundreds of radioactive soil samples at the Shipyard makes a mockery of your commitment to conduct an investigation that the community can trust and that has integrity.

Therefore, on behalf of our members and constituents in Bayview Hunters Point whose health, environment, and well-being is threatened by the inadequate cleanup of toxic and radioactive contamination and the hiring of companies whose actions have put the community at risk, we demand the following:

- 1. Terminate CH2M Hill's contract for work at the Shipyard, and guarantee in writing that no company that submitted false reports, falsified sampling, or committed similar violations is hired again at the Shipyard or any other federal site;
- 2. Conduct comprehensive sampling and testing of the entire original Shipyard site including parcels that have already been transferred, as well as adjacent areas where reports indicate dumping may have occurred;
  - (a) New comprehensive testing should include surface scanning and sub-surface core sampling, and
  - (b) New testing must be conducted with full independent community oversight, with experts of our choosing participating in the new testing and provided split samples;
- 3. A technical assistance grant should be provided to the community so we can have the resources to hire a qualified independent expert and to pay for sampling and testing;
- 4. Provide transparency and meaningful opportunities for public participation in decisions regarding the Shipyard, including by inviting the public to attend what have up until now been closed door "Tiger Team" meetings between the agencies, City Hall, and the developer Lennar/Five Points.

For environmental justice,

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