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## **RE:** Demands for Full Cleanup and Community Involvement and Oversight in Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site

We the undersigned community, environmental justice and environmental organizations write on behalf of our community members and constituents who are residents of Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco to express our concern, shock and outrage about the ongoing radioactive scandal and lack of transparency and community involvement regarding the Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site.

While we appreciate the actions by USEPA, DTSC and the Navy last 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, the current and future investigations and remedial actions must have integrity and must fully protect the people, community and environment from this highly contaminated area. Unfortunately, the promised transparent and thorough agency review of the problems related to Tetra Tech's actions have not taken place. We were promised that the "Tiger Team" that was established by the agencies to review this problem would be a task force of agency technical experts. Instead, documents we have acquired from a Public Records Act request prove that the Tiger Team is heavily influenced by Lennar/Five Points, the corporate developer who not only attends the closed-door meetings but helps develop the agendas for the Tiger Team. Adding insult to injury, the community and its advocacy organizations have been excluded from these meetings.

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. 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.

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