

Statement on Findings of High Strontium-90 Levels at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site in Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco

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Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice is not surprised that high levels of dangerous radioactive waste – namely, the radioactive isotope Strontium-90 – remain at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund site above proposed remedial (cleanup) levels.

While city officials claim that they will not accept parcels until they are properly cleaned, the fact remains that the plan supported by the city and the Navy was to never fully clean the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund site. With the blessings of San Francisco elected officials, the Navy and City of San Francisco plan to leave high levels of radioactive and toxic waste at the shipyard forever.

According to a <u>statement released by Navy today</u>, the Navy has found that approximately 10% of samples taken indicate Strontium-90 levels above the remediation goal. Both claim that current levels of Strontium-90 detected to date do not indicate a risk to human health or the environment.

Greenaction and our community members condemn the <u>San Francisco Department of Public Health and Navy's false claims</u> that these high levels of Strontium-90 do not pose a public health threat. The very reason that the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard was placed on the Superfund National Priorities List is exactly because it poses a threat to public health and the environment. That is a fact.

City of San Francisco officials have a long and well-documented history of supporting the Lennar/Five Points luxury development projects. It is time for elected officials and government agencies to start protecting public health instead of the profits of corporate luxury developers.

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