



San Francisco Department of Public Health

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To: Anthony Megliola (Navy, Director of Base Realignment and Closure, Program Management Office West); Michael Pound (Navy, Environmental Coordinator)

Subject: Hunters Point Shipyard (HPS) – Request for Information Regarding Plutonium-239 Air Monitoring Exceedance at Parcel C (November 2024)

Dear Mr. Megliola,

I am writing on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) regarding an exceedance of the plutonium-239 (Pu-239) air monitoring Action Level at Hunters Point Shipyard (HPS), Parcel C, which occurred in November 2024 and was reported to SFDPH in October 2025.

According to information recently shared with SFDPH, the November 2024 air monitoring result for Pu-239 approximately exceeded twice the [Action Level](#) concentration. The Pu-239 measurement was identified from an air filter sample collected during field work operations, including asphalt grinding, at Parcel C.

The City and County of San Francisco is deeply concerned by both the magnitude of this exceedance and the failure to provide timely notification. Such a delay undermines our ability to safeguard public health and maintain transparency. Immediate notification is a regulatory requirement and is critical for ensuring community trust and safety. We respectfully and firmly request that, moving forward, any exceedance or significant radiological finding be reported to SFDPH without delay.

To ensure full public transparency, we request that Navy representatives provide SFDPH with all available information on this matter, including the following:

- A description of the exceedance, including the specific location and activities being conducted, monitoring station locations, the reported concentration, duration of potential exposure, and a comparison to the Action Level.
- A timeline of events, including sample collection, laboratory analysis, data validation, and all reporting dates.
- Confirmation that all site activities are being conducted in accordance with the ALARA (As Low As Reasonably Achievable) principle, as outlined in Section 1.4 of the Final Parcel C Phase II Execution Plan and Section 6.4.2 of the Parcel C Removal Site Evaluation Work Plan. Please provide an outline of how ongoing monitoring and controls are ensuring that annual public dose limits are not exceeded, and how ALARA is being implemented during remediation activities.
- Clarification of worker exposure limits and protocols in place for occupational safety.

- Any quality assurance or validation findings relevant to the result, including whether additional samples were reviewed or reanalyzed.
- An explanation of all corrective or preventive actions taken (and their dates) in response to the exceedance (e.g., enhanced dust control, worker notification and protection, or additional monitoring).
- The Navy's plan and timeline for communicating these findings publicly, including the anticipated posting of the relevant air monitoring report to the website.

We appreciate that you have agreed to meet with us on October 31, 2025. We request this information be provided by November 7, 2025 to ensure that SFDPH and the community can have an accurate understanding of the Navy's activities at the Shipyard.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Mike Montgomery (EPA, Director of Superfund and Emergency Management Division);
Shamann Walton (District 10 Supervisor);
Thor Kaslofsky (OCII, Executive Director, Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure);
Anthony Chu (CDPH, Division of Radiation Safety and Environmental Management)