

# Poll: 27% name the economy as top worry

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the transportation system as the top concern.

A slowing economy has meant the highways and trains have been less crowded this year. Pollsters expressed no surprise in the findings.

But uncertainty about the economy presented the most dramatic change in opinions. With 27 percent of the public citing it as their top worry, it marks the largest single-year jump in that measure since the Bay Area Poll began 21 years ago. Last year only 4 percent mentioned economics.

Economic worries replaced housing as the No. 2 woe. Although 70 percent said the Bay Area is in "bad economic times," only a third thought conditions would further deteriorate.

The public rated terrorism as the third biggest problem, with 14 percent saying so. Only one in five thought a Bay Area attack was very likely, and only 21 percent feel that they are more than "a little less safe" than before Sept. 11.

Despite jitters, Bay Area residents were evenly divided about giving the government more authority to tap phones and scan e-mails to head off future attacks.

The margin of error in the survey was 4 percent.

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## Action Memorandum for Emergency Removal of Lead-Contaminated Soil at 530 and 550 Corpus Christi Road Alameda Point, Alameda, California

The U.S. Department of Navy (Navy) released an Action Memorandum for the emergency removal of lead-contaminated soil at two residences (530 and 550 Corpus Christi Road) within Alameda Point, Alameda, California. Lead is a heavy metal that historically was used in paints. Lead-based paints had been used on a radio-antenna tower that was previously located on the site. Following evaluation of data collected during environmental investigations, the Navy determined that a need existed for an immediate response. This interim response placed grass sod on the exposed soil of the properties, thereby preventing the potential exposure of children to the lead. The potential for future actions at this site are currently being evaluated. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) provided oversight of the Navy's cleanup program and agreed to the emergency removal action.

The Navy invites the public to review the Action Memorandum. A copy of the Action Memorandum is located in the Alameda Point Information Repository at the main branch of Alameda Public Library and at Alameda Point. To ensure protection of the residents and the environment, the Action Memorandum complies with the requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act.

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