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Hunter's Point Information Release

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Environmental Clean-Up Process

Site History

Hunters Point Annex (formerly known as Hunters Point Naval Shipyard) was an active Naval Facility from 1941 until 1974 when it was closed. In 1976, it was leased to Triple A Machine Shop, which utilized the shipyard for commercial ship repair until late 1986. Currently, the Annex is under U.S. Navy Administration.

There have been allegations of illegal storage and disposal of hazardous waste by Triple A Machine Shop during its tenancy at Hunters Point. The San Francisco District Attorney's Office has initiated a lawsuit against Triple A Machine Shop for these alleged violations. One of these alleged violations was for illegal disposal of PCB's and other various hazardous contaminants into the ground.

Summary

In conjunction with the lawsuit against Triple A, the San Francisco District Attorney's Office is investigating a site alleged to contain hazardous contaminants. This information release is being distributed to interested parties in the community to keep them informed about activities at the Annex.

Location

The site suspected of containing hazardous waste is located at the corner of 6th and "J" Street, Hunters Point Annex, approximately 500 yards inside the facility.

Proposed Action

Clayton Enterprises, a qualified environmental contractor will excavate an area of ground adjacent to the site for the purpose of obtaining soil samples. These soil samples will be used by the District Attorney's Office to support the lawsuit against Triple A and to determine the extent of migration of contaminants through the soil. The excavation will be accomplished using earth moving equipment. It is expected that the excavation will be 10 feet in width, 50 feet in length and 6 - 8 feet in depth.

Safety precautions will be taken to restrict the release of any contaminants into the environment. The Department of Health Services will monitor safety procedures throughout the excavation while the Navy's Fire Department and Environmental response team stands by to control any unintentional release of contaminants.

While there will be soil samples taken, there will be no removal of hazardous waste or contaminated soil from Hunters Point Annex.

Schedule

The excavation is scheduled to begin the morning of February 9, 1988. It is estimated that this investigation will last approximately three days.

If there are any additional questions regarding this investigation, please write or call:

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