

August 12, 1988
Release #7

Hunter's Point Information Release Environmental Clean-Up Process

The purpose of this Information Release is to notify interested parties in the community of the details concerning the activities of the environmental clean-up ongoing at Hunters Point Annex, as well as the transportation of hazardous waste from the Hunters Point Facility to a disposal facility.

Work Nearing Completion on Building 503 PCB Contaminated Soil

During the investigations associated with construction of a new Shore Intermediate and Maintenance Activity (SIMA) building, some soil contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyl (PCBs) was found. Most of this soil was excavated and removed in July. This work was described in Information Release #5. Three additional drums containing contaminated soil have been removed that were not covered by Information Release #5.

Transportation of this PCB contaminated soil is now expected to occur during the week of August 15-19, 1988. The material will be transported in a flat-bed, stake truck. The truck and driver(s) will meet all applicable state and federal requirements for transporters of hazardous waste, and proper manifesting and labeling procedures will be followed as required by the State of California Department of Health Services.

The barrels will be transported to a licensed hazardous waste storage facility near Rancho Cordova, California. There it will be staged with other waste material and will be transported to one of three possible hazardous waste disposal facilities (i.e. ChemWaste, Kettleman Hills, California; U.S. Pollution Control, Grass Mountain, Utah; or Envirosafe, Idaho). Transportation of the materials to the storage facility will occur on a weekday during daylight hours. The truck would leave Hunters Point Annex before noon and arrive at the storage facility by late afternoon. The path of travel from Hunters Point Annex (via main gate) to the storage facility will follow this route: from Evans Street in the Hunters Point community to Army street and north onto Highway 101 across the Bay Bridge to Interstate 80.

PCB Transformer Identification and Removal

The Navy has recently completed a "fence-to-fence" survey of the Hunters Point Annex for surface debris and hazardous waste. During this survey a number of transformers containing PCB fluid were found to be leaking. Nine transformers will be removed during August 22 to September 16, 1988. American Environmental will drain these transformers into drums and scour the concrete pad to remove visible residue. The transformers contain approximately 1,700 gallons of fluid, or 31 55-gallon drums. The drums and drained transformers will then be transported by American Environmental, the Navy's contractor, to their permitted storage site in Rancho Cordova, California. None of these transformers present an immediate threat to public health.

Transportation of these PCB transformers and fluid will occur during August 22 to September 16, 1988 using equipment and transportation routing identical to the PCB contaminated soil discussed above. The drained transformers will be transported to a disposal facility operated by ChemWaste Management at Kettleman Hills, California. The PCB fluid will be transported to an incineration facility operated by ENSCO in El Dorado, Arkansas.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS (second notice)

In order to keep the public fully informed of and involved in the environmental clean-up process at the Hunters Point Annex, San Francisco, CA; the Navy has scheduled two community meetings in the Hunters Point/Bayview community. One meeting will be in the afternoon and one in the evening for the convenience of interested persons.

FIRST MEETING:

WHEN: 1:30 PM, Wednesday, August 24, 1988
WHERE: Bayview Opera House
4705 Third Street
San Francisco
(415) 824-0386

SECOND MEETING:

WHEN: 7:00 PM, Wednesday, August 24, 1988
WHERE: Bayview Opera House
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Each meeting will feature an overview of the environmental clean-up process as described in the Scoping Document for the project, the current status of planning and investigative activities, and the community relations program. Federal and State agencies involved in the environmental cleanup have been invited to participate. Questions of the Navy and/or regulatory agency representatives are invited from the public. A bus tour of the Hunters Point Annex on a first-come first-served basis will be available following the afternoon meeting.

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 repair until late 1986. Currently, the Annex is under U.S. Navy administration.

Additional Information

For additional information on any item discussed in this Information Release, please contact Mr. Randal Friedman, Environmental Community Relations Coordinator, at (415) 765-5613.

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