

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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Commander, Naval Base San Francisco
Building 1, Treasure Island
San Francisco, CA 94130-5018

Dear Commander:

This letter is in response to your request for our comment on the proposed placement of the Hunters Point Annex on the National Priorities List.

As you know, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced that the Hunters Point Annex will be proposed for placement on the National Priorities List. As a result, the Hunters Point Annex will become one of over 100 sites in California which have been either placed or proposed for placement on the National Priorities List. We do not expect this development to change either the direction or the pace of the investigation and remediation of the Hunters Point Annex.

Since December, 1987, the Navy has been investigating and remediating the Hunters Point Annex in accordance with a Remedial Action Order issued by the California Department of Health Services (Department). This order will continue to remain in effect.

The proposed listing of the Hunters Point Annex will, however, result in two additional requirements. First, the Navy will have to enter into an interagency agreement with EPA. Second, EPA will have to formally approve and sign future record of decisions. To ensure that these two additional requirements do not conflict with the requirements of the Department, we anticipate participating in interagency negotiations with the Navy and EPA. In addition, we expect both the Navy and EPA to closely coordinate their activities with the Department.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ric Natsu-for".

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