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December 18, 1996

Mr. Michael McClelland
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Dear Mr. McClelland:

I have recently reviewed the Proposal Plan for Parcel B at Hunters Point Shipyard and was concerned with the plan's approach to the clean-up of both the above and below ground contamination from the years of industrial pollution at the Naval Base.

From what I understand, the landfill that the Navy plans on using is already a toxic site within the Hunters Point Naval Base. Since the Naval Base is in a major City, and the City is hoping to use this land to enhance the neighboring communities, it does not appear to make sense to maintain a toxic site on the Base. It seems to me that a much more thorough study of capping of this toxic landfill needs to be conducted before a decision is made. This is especially of concern regarding impacts on groundwater, the Bay Area's surface water, and humans in adjacent area.

Although the Proposed Plan recommends spending close to \$22 million on the preferred alternatives, there does not appear to be a commensurate environmental improvement from that expenditure. I am concerned that the treated contaminated soils are still left on-site above a toxic waste site that is proposed to remain along the Bay for at least 30 years.

In addition, I question why The Navy would want to keep all these toxins remaining on the Hunters Point site. It would seem wiser to remove these toxins and place them in a facility that is away from population centers. I am sure we can find a facility that is also designed with geology, hydrology, and other factors that make it much more appropriate than the Bay area. Treating and keeping toxics on-site along the ecologically and seismically sensitive site along the Bay makes no sense. I encourage you to develop a much more long-term, ecologically based plan.

Finally, I am concerned about having a toxic dump in this neighborhood. I strongly consider that you consider environmental justice issues prior to deciding on a final plan.

Very Truly Yours,


Supervisor Leslie Katz



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Mike McClelland
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Subject: Parcel B Proposed Plan, Draft Final, Hunters Point Shipyard, San Francisco, California, dated October 16, 1996

Dear Mr. McClelland:

The following are the San Francisco Department of Public Health comments on the referenced document. In general, the Health Department appreciates the effort to attain residential cleanup standards at Parcel B. The ongoing efforts by the Navy to consider the city's reuse plan in determining cleanup goals is very much encouraged and appreciated.

However, the Health Department does have some concerns related to the implementation of the remediation recommended in this document. As part of the remediation of groundwater, the Navy has stated that it will line portions of the stormwater pipes. Our concern is that this effort should be coordinated with the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (SFRA) (Byron Rhett, 415-749-2502) and its plans to replace many if not all of the utilities at the shipyard. If replacing the pipes can provide the same level of environmental protection as lining the pipes then taxpayer's money will not have to be spent twice on lining the pipes and then later replacing them.

The Navy should manage the treated soil so it is consistent with the reuse of the landfill (IR Site 1/21) at Parcel E or wherever the treated soil will ultimately be placed. Although the Health Department does realize that restrictions may be placed on Parcel E, we want to ensure that future disposal actions at the landfill are not the cause of additional and burdensome restrictions.

The remediation includes groundwater monitoring which will require tracking of monitoring wells for 30 years. The Department of Health would like the Navy to have in place a plan to manage the tracking of these wells and to be notified of who within the Navy is responsible for the tracking of these wells so that they are not "lost" or "damaged" during future construction and reuse of this parcel.

If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at (415) 554-2778.

Sincerely,



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