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**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (“CDPH”) COMPLETES
RADIATION HEALTH AND SAFETY SCANNING ON HUNTERS POINT
NAVAL SHIPYARD PARCEL A-2**

*CDPH scan confirms no health or safety risks on Parcel A-2 of the Hunters Point
Shipyards*

San Francisco— On April 24, 2019, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released a Hunters Point Shipyards (HPS) Parcel A-2, Radiation Health and Safety Scanning Survey Final Progress Report. The report summarizes the results of the radiological survey CDPH conducted between October 28, 2018 and November 28, 2018 of the “Hillside” at HPS.

The CDPH survey results found no radiation health or safety hazards on Parcel A-2 of the Hunters Point Naval Shipyards. CDPH conducted the survey under an October 15, 2018 work plan prepared by its Radiological Health Branch. It involved a walkover scan (“hand scans”) and towed array scans of the area, which is currently uncovered and undeveloped. CDPH detected only naturally occurring potassium-40 on Parcel A-2. Potassium-40, which CDPH detected 102 times while scanning, is a naturally occurring element normally found throughout nature, including in plants, animals, various foods and our bodies. CDPH advises that detection of potassium-40 is not unusual for a radiation scan of this type and is not a health or safety concern for people or for the environment.

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Release of this report concludes the CDPH radiological scan of Parcel A, comprised of two sub-parcels: Parcel A-1 (Hilltop) and Parcel A-2 (Hillside), at the Shipyards. Parcel A is not a part of the federal superfund site and has been confirmed by the EPA to be safe for people to live and work there.

CDPH began the radiological survey with Parcel A-1 on July 16, 2018, at the request of residents, city and federal agencies, to continue to assure all concerned that Parcel A is safe. The final report for Parcel A-1 was released on February 5, 2019, and concluded that there are no radiological health or safety hazards to any residents, workers, or visitors at Parcel A-1. To date, 439 units have been built at Shipyards Parcel A-1 (Hilltop) and 66 are under construction. There is currently no development on Parcel A-2 (Hillside).

To read CDPH’s reports for Parcel A, go to www.cdph.ca.gov

To view a parcel map of Hunters Point Shipyards, go to: <https://sfocii.org>