

**Tuesday June 19, 2018**

**Question:**

*Hunters Point Shipyard spotlight question:* Does the Navy plan to retest all land at the shipyard?

**Response:**

The US Navy has stated that it will be retesting all property where its former contractor at the shipyard, Tetra Tech, did work. This process will include the utility parcels. ([Navy press release](#))

Parcel A, where homes have been built, was conveyed in 2004 and has repeatedly been declared safe by the EPA and Navy. Nevertheless, all parties agree that concerns raised warrant retesting, and the California Dept. of Public Health will perform this retest this summer. ([OCII press release](#))

Below is an excerpt of an email exchange between the SF Chronicle and the EPA regarding the safety of the transferred parcels prior to the retesting. The information was released by the EPA.

Excerpt of SF Chronicle inquiry to EPA

**Date:** April 12, 2018

**From:** Caille Millner, reporter for San Francisco Chronicle,

Q: Did the EPA look at the soil results for areas where people are currently living/working on the property? (e.g. the artists' studios in Parcel B, the new homes that were most recently built?)

A: The Navy transferred Parcels D-2, UC-1, and UC-2 to San Francisco in 2015, and construction on new projects within these parcels is only allowed with a specific work plan approved by the regulatory agencies. As part of the review process for any new construction proposals, EPA and its state regulatory partners assess any potential concern about radiological exposure and any other hazardous contaminants.

For example, EPA reviewed the draft workplan for the new artists' building, part of which is located on Parcel UC-2, before construction started. We researched the locations closest to the artists' building where Tetra Tech EC Inc. had done trench and other radiation cleanup work. None of the radiological work that is in question lies within the boundaries of the artists' building work. Therefore, EPA has no concern about radiological exposure—or any other hazardous contaminants—associated with construction of the artists' building.

EPA also has previously evaluated the potential current exposure to radiation at Parcel A, where the new homes have been built. We have no reason to question any cleanup work performed on Parcel A. Historically, the majority of Parcel A was used for residences and administrative offices, not industrial activities. The only radiological materials found at Parcel A were sandblast grit and firebricks, and these have since been removed. Former Buildings 322, 816, and 821 had potential for radiological contamination. The Navy scanned all three buildings and did not find

radiological contamination above required cleanup levels. Buildings 322 and 816 were demolished and removed. Building 821 is located on Crisp Road, not in the developed portion of Parcel A. No other sources of radiological contamination were identified during the investigation or cleanup of Parcel A. In 2002, EPA conducted a radiological scanner van survey of Parcel A and navigable roads on other parts of the shipyard. All of the anomalies detected during the scan were attributable to natural occurring sources at levels consistent with what would normally be found in the environment.