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The SF Shipyard HOA
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San Francisco, CA 94124

Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Parcel A-1, Radiation Health and Safety Scanning Survey: Progress Update #7

For the week of August 27, the CDPH Radiological Health Branch completed five survey units and most of a sixth survey unit on the Walkover Scanning Surveys. This brings the total area completed for the walkover survey to approximately 65%. The six survey units scanned this past week were located on the west side of Donahue Street and northeast of Innes Avenue, the park along Donahue between Building 49 and 50, the area around Galvez and Robinson Street, and the areas along Friedell Street.

Within these scanned areas, five anomalies, slightly above background, were detected and all were determined to be potassium-40, a naturally occurring substance. As stated in previous updates, detection of a naturally occurring substance above background is not unusual for a neighborhood scan and does not pose a hazard to people or the environment (approximately 0.01% of potassium found in nature, including in plants, animals and our bodies is potassium-40). One anomaly was found in the parking field, just west of Donahue Street, and another was found in the field east of the guard station on Galvez Ave, with the remaining three found around Building 51 on Friedell Street.
In addition, the data analysis of the Towed Array RS 700 data sets continues.

CDPH appreciates residents’ assistance to facilitate this survey effort. As always, questions or comments about this project can be sent to:

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Sincerely,

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