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Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Parcel A-1, Radiation Health and Safety Scanning Survey: Progress Update #9

This Progress Update combines the scanning survey results for the weeks of September 10 and September 17. For the week of September 10, the CDPH Radiological Health Branch completed five survey units on the Walkover Scanning Survey. The five survey units included areas around Building 49, 50, 51, southeast hillside, and the field bounded by Donahue Street and Hudson Avenue. Of these areas scanned, one anomaly, slightly above background, was detected and it was 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.

Also during the week of September 10, as initially reported in Progress Update #8, additional work was conducted on an anomaly that had been detected on September 7th at the bottom of the hill on the north side of parcel A-1. It was determined to be a naval deck marker that contained radium, buried under about 10" of soil. It was remediated by the Navy's contractor. Radiation readings before removal indicated that there would not have been any health or safety hazard to anyone who happened to be at that spot previously, and radiation readings during and after removal indicated that there was no residual contamination in the soil. CDPH met with residents on September 19 to discuss this finding and answer any questions.



For the week of September 17, three survey units were scanned, including the southwest hillside areas and the future artist building. No anomaly was detected. In total, over 85% of the walkover survey area has been scanned.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Starr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent horizontal stroke at the end.

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