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December 21, 2017

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SUBJECT: Response to Letter from Golden State University School of Law, Environmental Law and Justice Clinic dated AUGUST 22, 2017

Thank you for your letter dated August 22, 2017. We share your concern that the Hunters Point Shipyard is cleaned up to levels that are protective of human health and the environment. To ensure protectiveness, the Navy has assembled a nation-wide team of experts to investigate Tetra Tech EC work at Hunters Point and provide recommendations. This team includes Navy staff from Base Realignment and Closure, the Navy's Radiological Affairs Safety Office (RASO), environmental consultant experts, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the State of California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC), and the State of California Water Board (Water Board). The Navy has also contracted with Oak Ridge Associated Universities, one of the leading national laboratories to provide project support and independent project oversight.

The Navy agrees that the investigation into radiological work performed at Hunters Point needs to be comprehensive of all Tetra Tech EC projects and has structured our investigation accordingly.

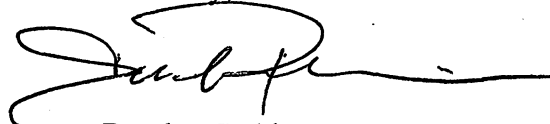
The current focus of the investigation project includes preparation of work plans to determine the extent of soil sampling, excavations, and soil and building scanning. Recommendations made in the work plans will be reviewed and concurred upon by the regulatory agencies identified above and the reports will be made available for community review and comment. The Navy will hold one or more community meetings focused on the work plans and fieldwork. The next community meeting will be held on January 31, 2018 to present project status.

In an effort to provide the community independent access to information concerning radiation and the activities at Hunters Point, the Navy has arranged for Dr. Kathryn Higley to be a Community Technical Liaison for the Hunters Point community. Dr. Higley is the Head of Nuclear Science and Engineering at Oregon State University and is a renowned expert in the field of Radiological Health and Safety.

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Thank you again for your correspondence. The Navy is committed to protecting the community and environment in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood. In response to your request for a meeting, please feel free to contact me directly at (619) 524-6026 or derek.j.robinson1@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derek J. Robinson", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

Derek J. Robinson
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By direction of the Director