

Why Should Our City Accept Cancer from the Navy? Clean Up ALL of the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard!

THE VOTERS ARE BETRAYED

In November 2000 a huge majority of San Franciscans, 221,013, or 86.4%, voted for Proposition P, a Resolution which stated that the entire Hunters Point Naval Shipyard, 493 acres of long-polluted land in southeast San Francisco, should be cleaned up by the U. S. Navy to 'unrestricted use' before the City of San Francisco accepted any transfer of Shipyard land from the Navy.

Four years later--in December 2004--San Francisco's Board of Supervisors voted 9-2 to accept the transfer of Parcel A, 93 acres of Shipyard land, from the Navy so that the Florida-based Lennar Corporation could build and sell at least 1600 units of housing on this Parcel.

Parcel A remains contaminated by toxins left by the Navy. The four other land Parcels by A (B, C, D, E) are even more contaminated. Accepting the transfer of Parcel A makes NO GOOD SENSE for the City of San Francisco's PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL HEALTH.



Parcel E adjoins Parcel A's proposed housing.

PERSISTING POISONS

The Hunters Point Naval Shipyard remains a Superfund site. In 1989 the Environmental Protection Agency named it one of the 10 most polluted Federal properties. On or nearby Parcel A are the following poisons.

METHANE

In 2002 the U. S. Navy admitted that Parcel E's 46-acre landfill was emitting methane gas. Methane was later found be seeping from Parcels B and C, land that also borders Parcel A. Methane carries volatile organic compounds and enhances asthma. San Francisco's high rates of asthma are highest in Bay View Hunters Point and in areas generally downwind of the Shipyard. Methane's continuing presence is one reason that the Bay View Hunters Point community's 24-member Restoration Advisory Board to the Navy OPPOSES TRANSFER OF PARCEL A BEFORE COMPLETE REMEDIATION OF THE SHIPYARD.

IONIZING RADIATION

The 10-story former Naval Radiological Laboratory (four stories underground), Building 815, sits on Parcel E, less than 1/4 mile from Parcel A's intended 1600 or more units of housing. The NRDL operated between 1947-69. According to award-winning journalist Lisa Davis of S F Weekly, the NRDL's '2-million-volt Van de Graaf accelerator produced tremendous amounts of ionizing radiation.' In 2004 Breast Cancer Action and the Breast Cancer Fund in San Francisco found that the 'best-established environmental cause of breast cancer' is ionizing radiation. The San Francisco Bay Area has the highest incidence of breast cancer among measured metropolitan areas on Earth.

The NRDL remains unremediated.

CESIUM and RADIUM

In 2003 cancer-causing cesium and radium were found in Building 366, a space for artists at the Shipyard, at levels of radioactivity 'as much as six times higher than what is legally acceptable on property the military would place in civilian hands' (SF Weekly, 10/1/03). Around the same time: 'Work on another shipyard radiation site, Building 253, recently ceased after researchers found more extensive radioactive contamination than previously had been suspected.'

THE PARCEL E LANDFILL

Contents and in fact depths of the 46-acre landfill in Parcel E remain unknown. Certain, however, is that this admitted dump for nuclear waste from the NRDL and other sites also contains benzene, chlorine, and radium dials as well as methane. On August 16, 2000 a fire broke out on and in the landfill. S F fire-fighters abandoned the fire that day. It burned and smoked for the next 7 weeks. The Navy--which had failed to acknowledge the fire at all to nearby residents during its first three weeks--later applied a plastic cap to the landfill.

The landfill remains unplumbed by the Navy, the City or the Lennar Corporation. It could produce something like a volcano or flood of radiation and poisonous gas through LIQUEFACTION if a 1906-level earthquake struck San Francisco.



The NRDL beside the scorched Parcel E landfill.

A VERY BAD DEAL

Financial terms and risks from the Parcel A transfer are bad for the City of San Francisco.

The Lennar Corporation is to receive more than 50% of its costs for infrastructure on Parcel A and elsewhere on the Shipyard (streets, sewers, etc.) through at least \$40 MILLION in bonds paid for by taxes to San Francisco residents (San Francisco Redevelopment Agency 3/3/05). When infrastructure work is done Lennar can then sell the land to itself and reap 100% of further profits.

Lennar will also be free of risk from lawsuits over environmental problems during its development due to insurance emplaced through expected revenue from land-sales by Lennar.



Hunters Point residents look out on Parcel E

WHAT WE CAN DO

The Shipyard remains toxic and dangerous.

We in San Francisco must move our City officials and Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer and Representative Nancy Pelosi to compel the U. S. Navy to do the job that should have been done over 30 years ago and that 221,013 voters specified in 2000.

San Franciscans for Our City's Health intends a campaign on three fronts. 1) A ballot measure to let San Francisco's voters again be heard. 2) Action through Courts to block Lennar's development and a deal that's especially unfair to Bay View Hunter Point residents. 3) Publicity that will show potential home-buyers that the Shipyard in its present state is NOT FIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION--it is, instead, a place sure to generate more cancer and other diseases on Parcel A and throughout the Bay Area.

PLEASE JOIN US! Sign our petition at www.HuntersPointNavalShipyard.com. Write comments to the postal address below. Send much-needed funds (\$1 to \$1000) for San Franciscans for Our City's Health via the Website or the postal address. Most importantly, CONTRIBUTE YOUR TALENTS AND PASSION TO THIS JUST CAUSE.

Join San Franciscans for Our City's Health!

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