



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS)

Radiological Data Evaluation



REGULATORY OVERSIGHT AND INDEPENDENT REVIEW

What is the role of the Navy and regulatory agencies during the HPNS radiological data evaluation?

The Navy is the lead agency responsible for the investigation and cleanup of the Shipyard. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and its state regulatory agency partners (including the California Department of Toxic Substances Control [DTSC] and the California Department of Public Health [CDPH]) oversee Navy compliance with Superfund requirements to ensure cleanup at the Shipyard protects human health and the environment.

Have the regulatory agencies and the City of San Francisco agreed to the radiological data evaluation plan?

Yes. The Navy, regulatory agencies, and the City of San Francisco have been working together on the development of this plan and the subsequent implementation measures.

Who are the stakeholders that the Navy and regulatory agencies are working with?

The Navy is committed to keeping the public informed during the cleanup process at HPNS. Members of the public include, but are not limited to the following individuals and groups:

- homeowners, residents, and businesses on and immediately outside of the HPNS property line
- homeowners' and neighborhood associations in close proximity to HPNS
- residents and businesses in the neighboring communities
- other people who live and work in San Francisco
- local, city, and government officials
- community groups, activist and environmental groups

Where can I find information on dust monitoring and radiological scanning by DTSC Industrial Hygienists?

As a part of the regulatory oversight process, regulatory agencies periodically inspect cleanup activities and may take samples to confirm the effectiveness of Navy cleanup activities. To date, independent DTSC sampling results have confirmed the effectiveness of the Navy's dust control measures. The Navy and DTSC air monitoring reports are available on DTSC's Envirostor website under the Activities tab at http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=38440005

How will the Navy check Tetra Tech EC's work? When and where can I see the results?

An independent team of technical experts are conducting an extensive evaluation of radiological data results through a set of statistical analyses and logic tests. Preliminary findings are complete and additional results are anticipated during the spring of 2018, including recommendations to address any questionable data that is identified. Findings and conclusion reports will be available on the Navy's website at www.bracpmo.navy.mil/hpnsrc.

Do we know if more anomalous soil samples have been identified after 2016?

The ongoing investigations by our team of technical experts include review of anomalous samples identified during the data evaluation process.

What is the role of contractors and independent experts during the HPNS radiological data evaluation?

A team of contractors with extensive expertise in radiological cleanup have been hired to conduct a thorough evaluation of soil sampling data collected by Tetra Tech EC to determine if the results are dependable, and a third-party contractor has been hired to monitor proper collection and documentation of soil samples. These firms currently include Battelle, Cabrera, CH2M, Oregon State University, Perma-Fix, and SC&A. In addition, the Oakridge National Laboratory is conducting third-party independent analysis of the data evaluation methods and findings for the HPNS radiological data review.

Has the Navy used a separate contractor to conduct impartial quality control for radiological work at HPNS?

Yes, a third-party contractor (Battelle) has been hired to monitor proper collection and documentation of radiological soil samples.

Reference fact sheets may be found on the Navy's website at www.bracpmo.navy.mil/hpnsrc

[Radiological Data Review Fact Sheet \(February 2017\)](#)

[Radiological Data Review Fact Sheet Update #2 \(September 2017\)](#)

[Radiological Data Fact Sheet Update #3 \(January 2018\)](#)

[Parcel G Work Plan Fact Sheet \(October 2018\)](#)

[Air Monitoring at Parcel E-2 \(July 2017\)](#)