

# LET'S TALK ABOUT THE HUNTERS POINT SHIPYARD

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## WHAT IS THE BACKGROUND ON THE CLEANUP?

Hunters Point Shipyard is a former active U.S. Naval base. During its peak years of 1945 to 1974, the shipyard was one of the largest defense employers of the San Francisco area, providing more than 15,000 jobs. Naval scientists also conducted research at the on-site Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory.

Though all base operations ended in 1974, the Navy periodically leased the shipyard to various public and private organizations until 1991 when the Hunters Point Shipyard was identified for permanent closure. Today, the shipyard is the subject of cleanup and restoration governed by federal law.

The U.S. Navy is the lead agency responsible for cleanup and restoration. The cleanup is overseen by federal and state regulators --the U.S. EPA, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Water Quality Control Board. The California Department of Public Health also provides oversight and expertise.

## WHAT IS THE SF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S ROLE?

The San Francisco Department of Public Health reviews information from the Navy and regulatory agencies every step of the way, as part of our mission to protect and promote the health and wellbeing of all in San Francisco.

We are working to make sure that information on the cleanup progress, restoration, and future plans for the land, are available to everyone.

We will continue to play a role through redevelopment, to ensure that it is done in a safe manner, and will support the health and wellbeing of the shipyard residents, workers and visitors at all times.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER CLEANUP AND RESTORATION?

Only cleaned and restored land will be transferred to the city. The city's Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure approves the development of housing on transferred land, as approved by San Francisco voters. So far, only Parcel A has development on transferred land.

## WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

Tetra Tech, Inc., was contracted by the Department of the Navy to remove sewer lines, excavate land, scan buildings and test soil to ensure it was safe.

Tetra Tech fabricated radiation test results, defrauding federal and local officials, and damaging public trust. Their test results cannot be relied upon and must be redone.

The Tetra Tech fraud caused a lot of concern. Residents of Parcel A-1 asked for assurance that they were not at risk. The CA Department of Public Health conducted a radiological survey of Parcel A in 2018 and found no radiation health or safety risks to residents or workers.

Another building on the shipyard, B606, is used by the SFPD for their forensic lab and employees. That building has been tested frequently for health and safety since 1997 and no risk to employees has been found.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

The Navy is responsible for making sure the cleanup is done right and will retest land affected by the Tetra Tech fraud.

### PARCEL G:

Parcel G is the first parcel to be retested at the Hunters Point Shipyard. The Navy has drafted a work plan which the EPA must approve before the retesting can begin. Once retesting at Parcel G is completed, the remaining parcels will follow.

The cleanup and restoration of the Hunters Point Shipyard from chemical spills continues while the retesting of the areas of Tetra Tech fraud is completed.

## HUNTERS POINT MILESTONE TIMELINE

**1945 -1974:** ACTIVE NAVAL SHIPYARD

**1991:** HUNTERS POINT SHIPYARD CLEANUP BEGINS

**1997:** SFPD MOVES INTO BUILDING 606

**2004:** PARCEL A TRANSFERRED TO THE CITY

**2008 – 2012:** OCCURRENCE OF TETRA TECH FRAUD

**2014:** TETRA TECH FRAUD CONFIRMED

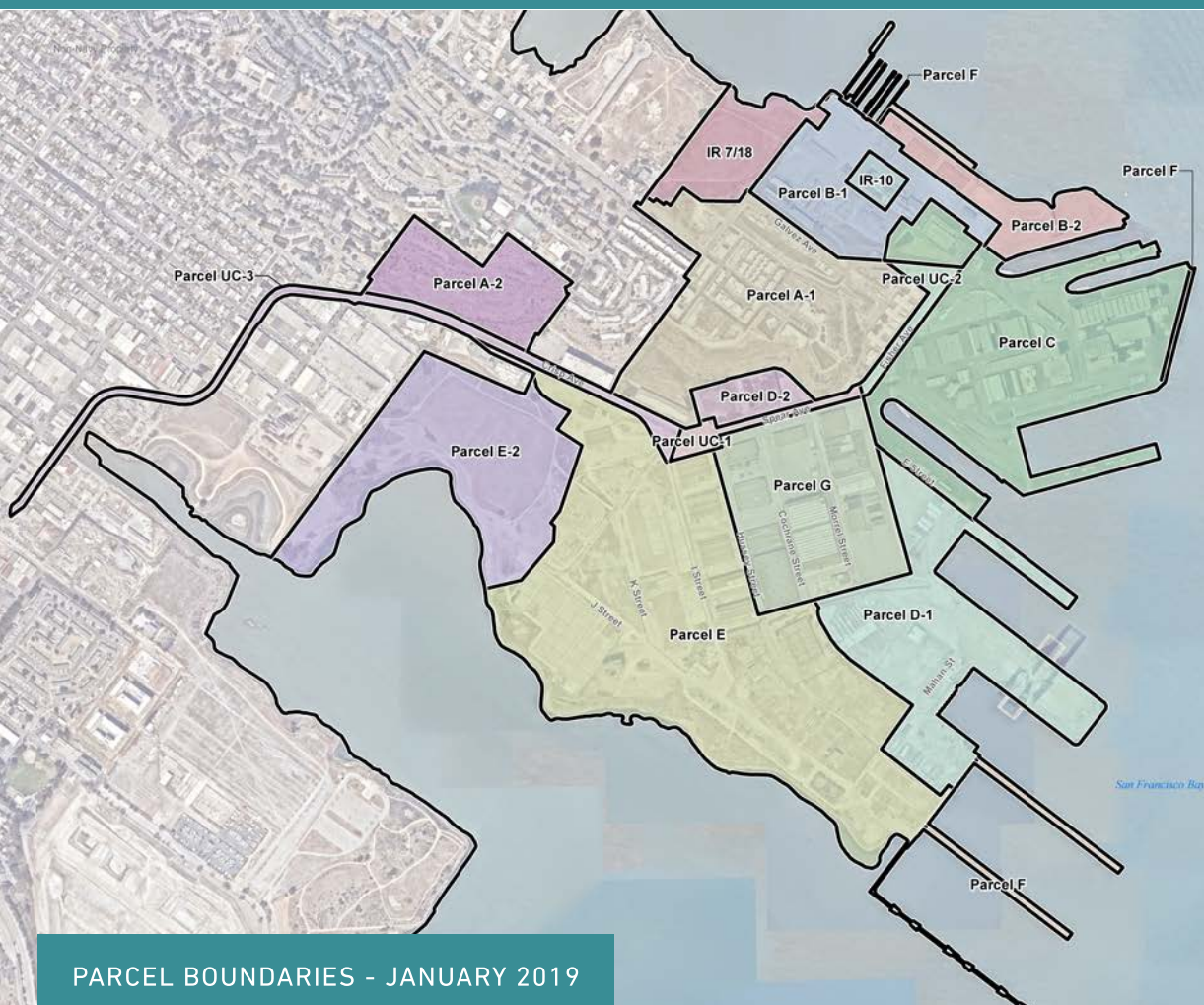
**2014 - 2017:** NAVY CONDUCTS EVALUATION ON EXTENT OF TETRA TECH FRAUD

**2017:** NAVY CONCLUDES TO RETEST ALL TETRA TECH WORK

**2018:** BUILDING 606 MOST RECENT HEALTH & SAFETY TESTS COMPLETED

**2018:** PARCEL A RADIATION HEALTH & SAFETY SCAN COMPLETED

**2019 FORWARD:** RETEST OF WORK DONE BY TETRA TECH, STARTING WITH PARCEL G



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