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Mark Starr, Deputy Director  
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Dear Mark Starr:

I am writing on behalf of Contra Costa County to both thank you for the assistance your staff have already provided and to ask for additional help as we respond to the news that the purposeful misrepresentation of sampling data by a consultant working at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard could put in question the appropriateness of waste material being disposed of at the Keller Canyon Landfill near Pittsburg, CA. It was helpful to speak with staff in the Environmental Management Branch and the Radiologic Health Branch as well as for John Fassell to attend and share his knowledge at the agency/stakeholder workgroup meeting this past Tuesday. John's expertise in radiologic matters was and continues to be needed.

The county is in the process of hiring a consultant to assist us and the community to better understand what happened and what steps could be taken. However, that is a longer process and during the agency/stakeholder meeting, we heard from several community members present as well as from the City of Pittsburg staff that the concerns are great and sampling aimed at addressing current concerns about radiologic dust potentially blown into their neighborhoods would be extremely helpful. We understand that the Radiologic Health Branch is capable of conducting such an environmental survey, and we are requesting their assistance.

Additionally, we anticipate a community meeting sometime in the first part of June, at this point targeting June 7<sup>th</sup> or June 14<sup>th</sup>, with back-up dates of June 12<sup>th</sup> or June 13<sup>th</sup>. The meeting would be an opportunity to share what is known about the contamination at Hunters Point, the cleanup process and the sampling characterization process and problems, as well as an explanation of the landfill design and on-going monitoring, and where the waste material from Hunters Point was utilized at the landfill. We request John's or another representative from the Radiologic Health Branch participation in that meeting. We would ask that the state health department representative be able to speak to the issues directly related to Hunters Point and explain the process of undertaking an environmental survey.



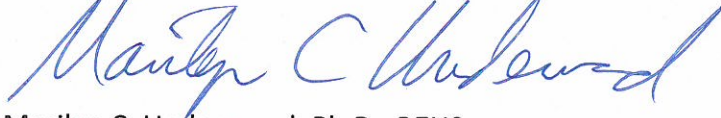
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Thank you in advance for this valuable assistance.

Sincerely,



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cc: John Fassell, CDPH Radiologic Health Branch  
The Honorable Federal Glover, CCC Board of Supervisors

