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Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Parcel A-2, Radiation Health and Safety Scanning Survey: Progress Update #3

Through November 23, after five weeks of work, CDPH Radiological Health Branch (RHB) has completed the walkover and towed array scans. Over the upcoming week, we will conduct some additional quality checks to verify the initial scanning data at a few spots. We expect to complete the follow-up field verification in a week.

For the weeks of November 12 and November 19, three anomalies were detected in the walkover scan and they were determined to be potassium-40, a naturally occurring substance found throughout nature, including in plants, animals, and our bodies. Detection of potassium-40 is not unusual for a radiation scan of this kind and does not pose a hazard to people or the environment.

Data from the towed array will need to be analyzed before we know if any anomalies have been detected.

As always, questions or comments about this project can be sent to:
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Sincerely,

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