



# SFDPH RESPONSE TO CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT ON HUNTERS POINT NAVAL SHIPYARD AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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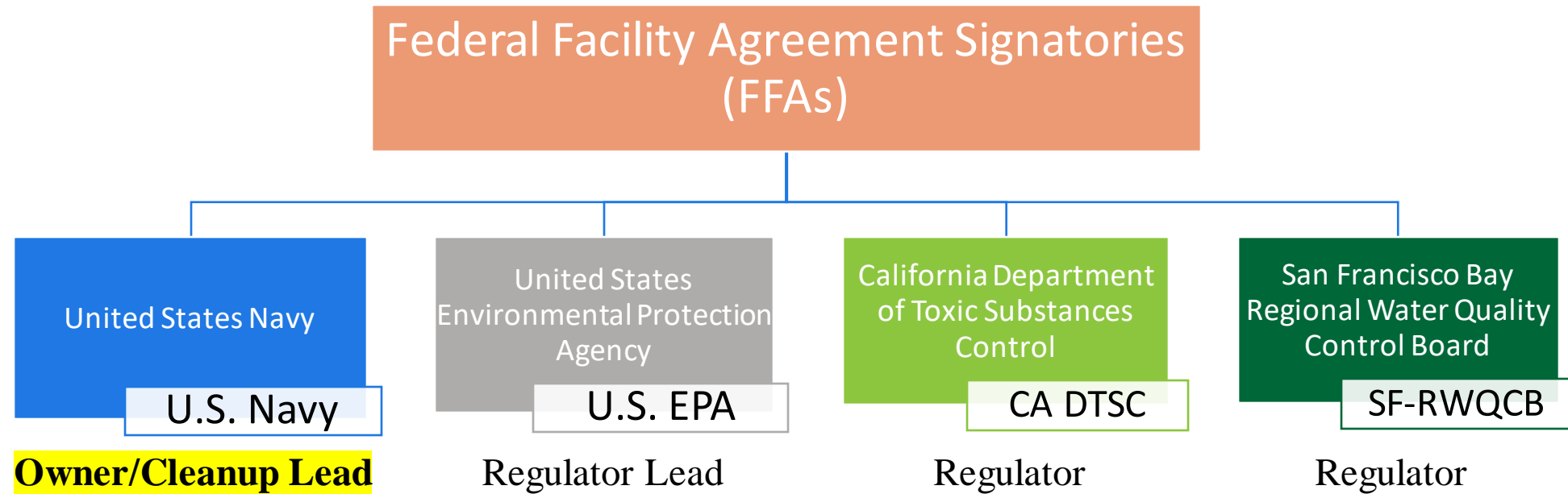
BOS Government Audit and Oversight Committee

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# Roles and Responsibilities



- SFDPH is not implementing the clean-up nor does it have any regulatory powers at the Shipyard.
- SFDPH's regulatory role starts after the transfer of property to CCSF per SF Health Code Article 31.



# HPS Parcel Overview

- **Parcels A-1 and A-2** – Transferred to the CCSF and currently under development.
- **Parcels D-2 and UC-1/-2** – Transferred to CCSF but no active construction.
- **Green Parcels** – Navy Owned
  - CERCLA process
  - Investigation and remedial activities ongoing





# SFDPH Response to CGJ Report Recommendations 4 & 6

## Buried Problems and a Buried Process:

The Hunters Point Naval Shipyard  
in a Time of Climate Change

June 14, 2022



City and County of San Francisco  
Civil Grand Jury  
2021-2022

### Recommendation 4:

By October 1st, 2022, the Mayor should direct the Department of Public Health to support the Cleanup Oversight Committee in its due diligence function by providing explanatory materials and briefings about cleanup governance documents and the discourse among Federal Facility Agreement signatories, as well as additional materials at the request of the Committee.

### Recommendation 6:

From October 1st, 2022 and going forward, whenever there are outstanding questions and requests to the Federal Facility Agreement signatories, and especially during the lead-up to major cleanup document releases, a member of the management chain overseeing the Hunters Point Shipyard Program in the Department of Public Health should appear before the Shipyard Cleanup Oversight Committee at regular intervals to report on discussions with the Federal Facility Agreement signatories.

## SFDPH Response:

- Recommendations will not be implemented per the Mayor's response
- Existing mechanisms already in place for the City to articulate concerns to FFAs
- Modifications to current process are not warranted



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# SFDPH Response – continued

## Health and Safety of Residents are Highest Priority

- It is the mission of SFDPH to protect and promote health of all San Franciscans
- The 2004 Conveyance Agreement requires collaboration between the Navy and CCSF, including SFDPH
- Article 31 in SF Health Code exists to protect human health and the environment after parcel transfer to CCSF

## Approach will be to remain actively engaged with Navy, EPA, and state regulators

- Goal is to proactively ensure all actors responsible for the clean-up process are using remediation best practices
- Existing regulatory structure is designed to be iterative, identify emerging issues and incorporate them into future planning

## Existing and Robust Process required by CERCLA

- Navy is obligated to examine proposed remediation strategies every 5 years, commonly known as the **Five-Year Review**
- CCSF, including SFDPH, is already in discussions with Navy, federal and state regulators as part of **2023 Five-Year Review**

## City Communications and Engagement

- We can still make improvements to our City communications and engagement
- We are committed to doing our part to strengthen community's confidence in remediation process



# Conclusion

## SF Department of Public Health will:

- Work within existing governance of Hunter's Point Shipyard clean-up, including but not limited to Navy's Five-Year Review process
- Continue to consult with federal and state agencies and other experts to ensure any potential effects of future sea level and groundwater level rise continue to be evaluated
- Committed to participate in City improvements to communications and engagement





# THANK YOU!



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