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*Treasure Island, Calif. – Community Open House on May 31, 2014*

On behalf of the United States Navy, I first want to recognize the residents of Treasure Island and thank them for their support as the Navy team works to complete the cleanup program and ensure a safe, clean environment.

We are here today, along with the City and the regulatory agencies, both CA Department of Toxic Substances Control and CA Department of Public Health to provide the specifics of the project, answer questions, hear concerns and take comments.

In April, we announced our decision to conduct radiological surveys of homes to ensure residents' safety on Treasure Island. We also promised more specific details as we awarded a contract and discussed the process with the State regulatory agencies.

A contract to conduct the surveys has been awarded and the first surveys are scheduled to begin on June 12th with all surveys anticipated to be completed by the end of September.

We have professionals here today to demonstrate the equipment and talk about the technical details, as well as logistics. We will have several poster board stations with experts at each station to answer specific questions from the residents and address their concerns. The poster board stations include:

- An Introduction to the Resident Open House
- The History of Treasure Island IR Site 12
- Understanding the Type and Extent of Radiological Contamination in IR Site 12
- Understanding Radiation
- Housing Survey Project Information
- The IR Site 12 Cleanup Process
- Treasure Island Radiological Program
- Planned IR Site 12 Sampling Events for Non-Radiological Contaminants

We also have several Navy, TIDA and State representatives not stationed at a poster board who can help answer questions or direct you to the person with the particular expertise to best answer your questions.

All of our activities are being carefully coordinated with Treasure Island Development Authority and its housing providers. All aspects of this work will be overseen by the State regulatory agencies. Both State agencies are here to answer questions.

We continue to communicate the status of the Navy's environmental cleanup program to the public through the Treasure Island Restoration Advisory Board and Public Meetings.

We have performed a comprehensive survey and continue cleanup of the outdoor areas within the housing area. Although none of the material we have found to date posed a hazard to public health, it was removed. CDPH, as well as DTSC, continue to be actively engaged in our actions and decisions.

Our plan is to survey the ground surface under the housing foundations to give us a complete picture of the situation.

As we have completed cleanup activities and continually learn more about the actual site conditions, the Navy, the City and State have remained committed to the protection of public health and the environment.

The Navy's ultimate goal in the cleanup program is to leave a safe environment for the use of generations to come. We are committed to the cleanup program at Treasure Island and supportive of the people living and working here.

We will continue to keep the public informed of our efforts to survey and cleanup Treasure Island. The Navy has a website to provide information and answer questions directly submitted from the public. We will also provide newsletters and other information updating the residents on the progress of our surveys.

We will continue partnering with the Treasure Island Development Authority to help ensure its safe and successful leasing program and working with all stakeholders toward the successful and safe reuse of Treasure Island.