



# San Diego County Air Pollution Control District

December 23, 2025

Dear Community Member:

This letter is to let you know that you live in an area that has potentially elevated health risks created by air toxic emissions from the following facility. The attached map shows the area of elevated health risks around this facility.

Facility Name: General Dynamics NASSCO  
Address: 2798 East Harbor Drive,  
San Diego, CA 92113  
Type of Business: Shipyard

State law<sup>1</sup> protects your right to know about possible health risks from stationary sources<sup>2</sup> of air pollution in your neighborhood by requiring the facilities which create elevated health risks to notify you. The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (SDAPCD) is responsible for requiring public notifications and risk reduction from such facilities per District Rule 1210<sup>3</sup>.

SDAPCD required a health risk assessment from General Dynamics NASSCO) based on their air toxic emissions from 2021. That health risk assessment shows that, in 2021, General Dynamics NASSCO released air toxic emissions, primarily hexavalent chromium from welding operations, that could increase the chances of getting cancer for people who live in the area by about 28 in one million. (This represents the highest chance of getting cancer if a person is living at the same location and exposed to the maximum amount of emissions for 30 years).

In addition to cancer risk, the health risk assessment shows that the air toxic emissions from 2021, primarily nickel from welding operations, could cause other health effects. Specifically, the Health Risk Assessment shows the *Maximum Occupational Acute (short term) Health Hazard Index* for their 2021 emissions was 1.19. A hazard index below one means that there are no negative health effects expected from the facility's air toxic emissions.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Information and Assessment Act of 1987, Health and Safety Code sections 44360, et seq.

<sup>2</sup> Stationary sources include factories or manufacturing plants, power plants, shipyards, landfills, rock or asphalt plants, and other industrial, commercial and governmental operations that can emit air pollution

<sup>3</sup><https://bit.ly/Rule1210>

<sup>4</sup> The noncancer health hazard index is calculated by dividing the estimated amount of emissions in the air emitted from a facility by the amount that is not expected to cause any health issues

SDAPCD Rule 1210 required this facility to submit a health risk reduction audit and plan to SDAPCD in 2025. On March 26, 2025, NASSCO submitted the health risk reduction audit and plan to SDAPCD. Based on SDAPCD's review and comments on the plan, the plan was subsequently revised and resubmitted on June 20, 2025, and then again on August 15, 2025. In their risk reduction plan, NASSCO has proposed the replacement of a number of engines powering the cranes with newer and cleanest engines, the installation of controls on a previously uncontrolled welding operation used for training of their staff, as well as proposing to utilize lower-emitting welding materials in order to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants. SDAPCD Rule 1210 requires an initial public notification and public meeting, as well as annual progress reports submitted to SDAPCD and annual public notification and public meetings until the facility has fully implemented the health risk reduction audit and plan and has demonstrated that risks have been reduced below the Rule 1210 Significant Risk Thresholds. This notice is for the annual public notification and public meeting for this facility. You can stay updated about their plan by subscribing to SDAPCD GovDelivery through the following link: <https://bit.ly/SDAPCD-Updates> and clicking on the Air Pollution Control District News list.

Please join us at a virtual public meeting on Zoom scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at 5:00PM using the following link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82259957527> if you would like to learn more about the risk reduction plan or have any questions. You can also reach out to the facility by contacting Mr. Andrew Aguilar, NASSCO's Manager of Environmental Engineering at [EnvironmentalInfo@nassco.com](mailto:EnvironmentalInfo@nassco.com) or (619) 544-7780. The attached fact sheet has additional information. If you have any questions, please send us the attached survey or contact us at [APCDEngineering@sdapcd.org](mailto:APCDEngineering@sdapcd.org) or at (858) 586-2600.

Sincerely,

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