December 14, 2020

Dear Community Member:

State law (Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Information and Assessment Act of 1987) ensures your right to know about possible health risks from toxic air contaminants emitted by sources of air pollution in your neighborhood. The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) is the local government agency responsible for implementing this requirement in state law.

The following facility is required to notify all community members in the area where there is a potential health risk above thresholds established by the APCD.

Facility Name: BAE Systems Inc. - San Diego Ship Repair
Address: 2205 East Belt Street San Diego, CA 92113
Type of Business: Ship Repair Yard

Based on air emission data in 2013 the APCD requested a health risk assessment from BAE Systems Inc. San Diego Ship Repair. The health risk assessment, approved by the APCD in October of 2020, shows that some toxic air contaminants, primarily hexavalent chromium and diesel particulate matter from BAE Systems Inc. San Diego Ship Repair may be increasing the cancer risks for people who live in the area. Assuming the facility’s emissions in 2013 persisted for 30 years, people who live closest to the facility could have a maximum increase of 11.8 chances in one million of getting cancer. More recent data from BAE Systems indicates that the facility’s emissions are decreasing. APCD Rule 1210 requires public notification when the cancer risk is above 10 in one million.

The APCD has prepared the enclosed “Program Fact Sheet” regarding its Air Toxic Hot Spots Program and a survey card to obtain your questions and comments regarding the information provided in this notice. If you would like more information, please complete and return the enclosed survey card to the APCD via mail, 10124 Old Grove Road, San Diego, 92131, or e-mail at apcdengineering@sdcounty.ca.gov.

For more information regarding the APCD’s Air Toxics Hot Spots program, please contact the APCD at 858-586-2600 or via email at apcdengineering@sdcounty.ca.gov. For more information regarding the facility please contact us at casg.envreports@baesystems.com.

Sincerely,

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