



# San Diego County Air Pollution Control District

April 18, 2025

Dear Employee:

This letter is to let you know that you work 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: Naval Base San Diego (NBSD)  
Address: 3455 Senn Road, San Diego, CA 92136  
Type of Business: Military Installation

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 SDAPCD Rule 1210<sup>3</sup>.

SDAPCD required a health risk assessment from Naval Base San Diego (NBSD) based on their air toxic emissions<sup>4</sup> from 2021. That health risk assessment shows that, in 2021, NBSD released air toxic emissions, primarily nickel from abrasive blasting, that could create negative health effects. Specifically, the Health Risk Assessment shows the *Maximum Occupational Acute Health Hazard Index* for their 2021 emissions was 1.11. A hazard index above one indicates the potential for certain individuals to possibly experience negative health effects, whereas an HHI below one means that means that negative health effects from the facility's air toxic emissions are unlikely<sup>5</sup>.

SDAPCD Rule 1210 requires this facility to submit a risk reduction audit and plan to SDAPCD by July 1, 2025. 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.

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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> A facility's air toxic emissions used in the risk assessment are estimates, calculated using SDAPCD and state approved methods. For more information on emission calculations and risk assessment methodology, refer to the attached air toxics program fact sheet.

<sup>5</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

Please join us at a public meeting to be located at the following time and location if you have any questions or concerns:

Meeting Time: 5:00 PM -7:00 PM Wednesday May 7, 2025

Meeting Location: Anchors Conference Center  
2375 Recreation Way  
San Diego, CA 92136

At this meeting, SDAPCD and representatives from NBSD will have short presentations about the risk assessment and will be available to answer questions. You can also reach out to the facility by contacting NBSD Public Affairs Officer (PAO) at [NBSD.PAO@us.navy.mil](mailto:NBSD.PAO@us.navy.mil) or (619) 556-7359. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paula Forbis", is written over a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

PAULA FORBIS

Air Pollution Control Officer