

## **STATEMENT FROM BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

- The eastern side of San Francisco including Bayview-Hunters Point, like 10 other communities throughout the Bay Area, is disproportionately impacted by air pollution – primarily from diesel and automobile exhaust.
- In the Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood, we know from health analyses that there is a higher prevalence of asthma in children and adults than in other parts of the Bay Area.
- Diesel exhaust is the primary driver of health impacts in Bayview-Hunters Point.
  
- The Air District was alerted to the facilities in question that may not have followed air quality regulations.
- Air District enforcement officers inspected the facilities and determined they had violations and compliance issues.
- The Air District issued notices of violation and is working with the facilities to get them into compliance.
  
- Permitting is very effective in insuring compliant operations at facilities. The Air District permits more than 10,000 facilities in the 9 county Bay Area. 1500 new permit applications are reviewed each year from small businesses to large scale factory operations.
- When a facility requires a permit, we follow a thorough procedure to permit the source and issue violations as required to facilities operating outside Air District rules and regulations.