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Air District settles air violation case with Lennar

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air District yesterday announced it has reached a \$515,000 settlement, the largest of its kind in California, with Lennar over alleged air quality violations at the Hunter's Point Parcel A development. The settlement, finalized in early September, was announced at the Air District's October 1st board meeting.

"Our Air District team negotiated an appropriate penalty based on the circumstances of the case," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Bay Area Air District. "This settlement will deter the kind of conduct Lennar engaged in that led to these violations."

Lennar is a developer engaged by the City of San Francisco to conduct a redevelopment project that includes construction of approximately 1,600 homes in the Bay View Hunter's Point shipyard.

The Air District alleged that Lennar violated the Asbestos Airborne Toxic Control Measures or ATCM provisions to control dust at a development site. Specifically the District alleged that Lennar failed to conduct work site air monitoring, failed to properly maintain dust wash down stations and failed to properly contain dust from roadways leaving the worksite during part of construction activities.

The Air District required Lennar to conduct air monitoring for asbestos around the development site. Once monitoring was functioning properly, air monitoring results showed no significant health risk to workers at the worksite or the surrounding community from airborne dust.

The California Department of Public Health and the federal Agency for Toxic Substances Disease Registry have reviewed results of air monitoring and other data and determined there was no significant health risk to residents in the surrounding community from construction activities at the Parcel A worksite.

The settlement was finalized after Lennar paid the penalty in September.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the Bay Area.

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