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Air District delivers air filtration units for Pier 94 transitional housing site residents

Units will help protect the health of residents from local air pollution and future wildfires

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District today announced the delivery of air filtration units for Pier 94 transitional housing site residents in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood of San Francisco.

The site includes more than 120 RV trailers and was established by the City of San Francisco last year to shelter unhoused residents to better protect public health during the COVID-19 pandemic. Nearby materials recycling and handling facilities can impact air quality near the housing site.

"The Air District is concerned about the harmful health impacts of particulate matter pollution, particularly for the most vulnerable Bay Area residents," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "In partnership with United Council for Human Services, we are providing air filtration units for all Pier 94 transitional housing site residents to better protect their health."

"As a representative of the Bayview Hunters Point community, I know firsthand the air quality challenges that residents face," said Shamann Walton, member of the Air District Board of Directors and San Francisco Board of Supervisors president. "Together with the community, we are actively working to address the unequal burden of air pollution that impacts Bayview Hunters Point residents."

To help address shelter residents' exposure to particulate matter from nearby industries and future wildfire events, the Air District has delivered air filtration units and replacement filters to the United Council for Human Services to distribute to all Pier 94 transitional housing site residents. These units use high efficiency particulate air technology to trap any particulate matter in air inside trailers to clean it for residents. UCHS is the organization tasked with supervising the Pier 94 site and providing services to its residents.

The <u>Bay Area Air Quality Management District</u> is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality and the global climate in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.

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