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**EARLY TRANSFER OF NAVY'S ALAMEDA ANNEX  
TO CITY OF ALAMEDA**

**SACRAMENTO** - The California Environmental Protection Agency's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced the early transfer of the U.S. Navy's Fleet and Industrial Supply Center, Oakland Alameda Annex/Alameda Facility (FISC Annex), to the City of Alameda. The transfer, approved by Governor Gray Davis, follows negotiations among the DTSC, the City of Alameda, and the U.S. Navy.

"This early transfer enables the state and the City of Alameda to transition a former military installation into an economic anchor for the community. It provides a new home for environmentally clean businesses, open space and affordable housing," announced Ed Lowry, DTSC Director. "Our agreement ensures that public health and the environment will be protected."

The transfer agreement includes the 143 acre FISC Annex was that used by the Navy for warehousing activities and 63 acres that was used as Navy enlisted family housing. The parcels will be transferred to Alameda on June 20, 2000. Alameda has entered into an agreement with Catellus Development Corporation to develop the Annex property and a portion of the adjacent former Alameda Naval Air Station property as a mixed-use development, including a 1.3 million square foot high tech-business park, 11 acre waterfront public space, and 500 new homes, including a 39 unit multi-family project for former homeless veterans. The project also includes a school, private open space (mini-parks), and infrastructure improvements.

Under the transfer agreement, DTSC will continue to provide environmental regulatory oversight and long term monitoring. The U.S. Navy will continue to conduct and pay for hazardous waste cleanup activities, estimated to exceed \$3.5 million. All parties agree that the commitment for early transfer will not delay cleanup at the FISC Annex. Contaminants of concern at the site include polychlorinated biphenyl (PCBs), cadmium, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and petroleum wastes.

The process for early transfer agreement includes the following:

- < assurances that parcels are suitable for transfer for the intended uses by the City;
- < assurances that public health and the environment will be protected,
- < commitments that cleanup actions will not be disrupted, and;
- < public notification of the early transfer.

A community celebration of the transfer will take place on Tuesday, June 20, 2000 at 10:00 in front of the Alameda Point Administration offices at the former Alameda Naval Air Station.

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***DTSC is one of the six boards and departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC's mission is to protect and enhance public health and the environment by regulating the management of hazardous waste and promoting reduction.***