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**Good News From Orange County Health Care Agency:
No Airborne Asbestos Detected By Air Monitoring And Sampling
From Navy North Hangar Fire Site In Tustin**

*Reassuring Test Results From South Coast AQMD, U.S. EPA, U.S. Navy, and City's IMT Contractor
Is Welcomed News For Tustin Residents And Business Owners*

TUSTIN, CA – County of Orange Health Officer & Chief of Public Health Services Regina Chinsio-Kwong, in a letter this week to Tustin Mayor Austin Lombard and his City Council colleagues, informed City officials that air monitoring of the Navy Hangar Fire site in Tustin by multiple health and environmental regulators shows no concern regarding airborne asbestos.

The letter from the Orange County Health Care Agency, facilitated at the request of Orange County Supervisors Don Wagner and Vicente Sarmiento, also provided a number of Community Health and Safety Tip recommendations to help minimize health risks and provide reassurances to the local community in relation to the recent Navy Hangar Fire incident.

“The reassuring test results and communication from the County Health Officer is welcomed news by the City of Tustin, our residents, and our business community,” said Tustin Mayor Austin Lombard. “I want to thank Tustin’s two representatives on the Orange County Board of Supervisors and the County Health Care Agency for their continued support and assistance to our City since the unfortunate Navy Hangar Fire incident. It has been invaluable.”

“It has been a tough and uncertain time for the residents of Tustin who live or work near the Navy Hangar,” said Don Wagner, Chairman of the Orange County Board of Supervisors. “With the County Health Officer’s findings, the City’s recent reopening of its parks and roads, and the Tustin Unified School District’s planning to re-open the last two of its impacted schools next week, residents can be more reassured. It is great to see things getting back to normal.”

“I would like to thank the County Health Officer for staying on top of everything with her continued monitoring of the situation in Tustin,” said Orange County Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento, who also represents the City. “We appreciate her going the extra mile to provide for the health and safety of the families and businesses impacted by the recent Navy Hangar Fire. The positive results from the air monitoring and sampling is definitely great news for us.”

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“The progress that has been made to date is nothing short of incredible and is a testament to the dedication and perseverance of the hundreds of individuals who continue to put in the long hard hours to safely bring our community back to normal.” said Mayor Lombard. “We are thankful.”

In their Health and Safety Tips for the community, Orange County Health Care Agency officials advised that residents should:

1. Stay informed

* Go to tustinca.org for updates on community information and resources.

2. Avoid touching debris

* Report debris related to the incident by calling (714) 426-2444 or completing a debris reporting form found at: [Debris Reporting Form \(tustinca.org\)](http://tustinca.org)

3. Basic health and safety tips

Homes/Buildings

* If you still have visible debris from the Navy Hangar Fire incident on the exterior of your home or business:

i. Avoid touching suspected debris from this incident and report the debris at

[Debris Reporting Form \(tustinca.org\)](http://tustinca.org)

ii. Avoid landscaping activities (mowing/leaf blowing/gardening) until the visible debris is appropriately removed.

* Cleaning methods to further reduce risks:

i. Use wet cleaning methods for windowsills/window screens, balconies, and door entrances. Do not use a pressure washer.

ii. Use a high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) vacuum.

* Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning Units, and Air Purifiers:

Currently, there has been no detections of airborne asbestos during air monitoring/sampling for the incident response. Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units can be turned on and used as normal. Consider replacing filters for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units according to the manufacturers’ instructions. For in-home air purifiers, opt for models equipped with HEPA filters.

Parks/Public Areas

* Parks and public areas that have been reopened by the city can be utilized without restrictions.

Pet Owners

*Pet owners can walk their pets in areas that have been reopened.

4. Seek medical attention if you have any medical concerns

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