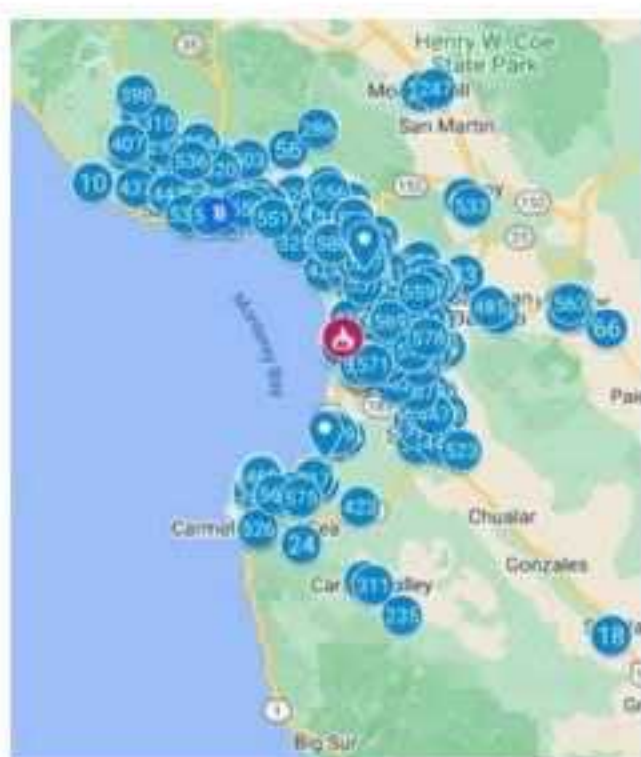
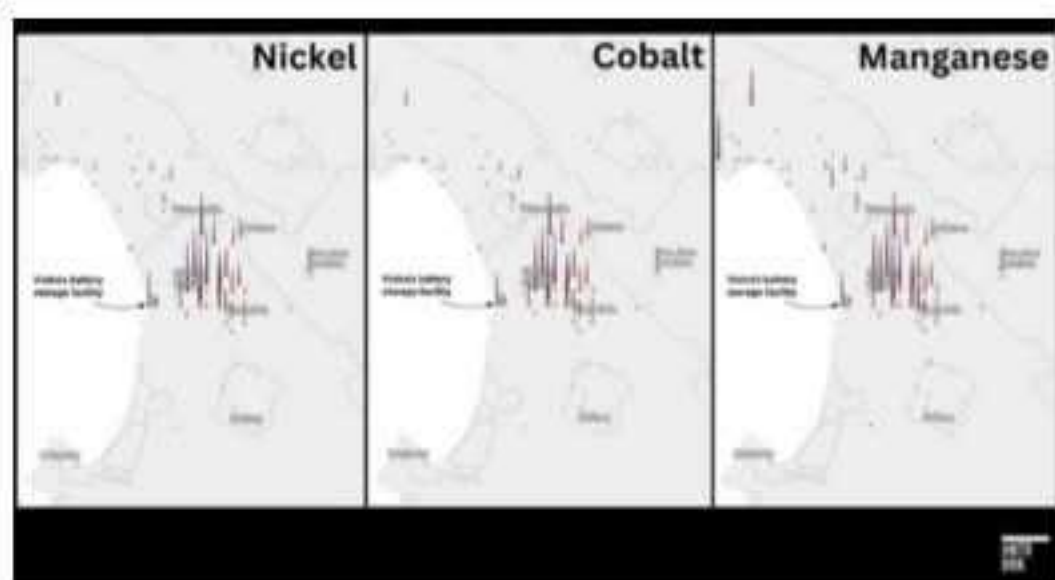




Map of reported household illnesses since fire.



Heavy Metal Soil Map



Resident Chemical Burns/Rashes



## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

On Thursday, January 16, 2025, a battery fire erupted at the Vistra Moss Landing Power Plant. Over 80,000 lithium-ion batteries caught on fire and burned over a five-day period because they could not be extinguished. Lithium-Ion batteries release toxic chemicals such as hydrogen fluoride and dangerous levels of heavy metals into our air, soil and water. Both San Jose State University and community volunteers separately took soil samples which showed 100's of times environmental baseline levels of cobalt, manganese, and nickel spread across our beautiful bay area. Currently, experts are trying to assess if these levels are toxic. That conclusion has not been made.

We do know that hundreds of residents are reporting illnesses within a 35-mile radius from the plant including nose bleeds, fatigue, chemical burns, rashes, difficulty breathing, and chest pain. We are aware of two deaths related to breathing difficulties since the fire occurred. The EPA, CDC, and state health officials have provided limited guidance to the Monterey County Health Department on how to help suffering residents. While some officials have indicated that they did not want to do soil testing "because they didn't know what to look for", other officials have taken the position that everything is fine and there is nothing to worry about, ignoring the independent citizen testing results, as well as the broad suffering and fear among many in our community. Residents have been dismissed by doctors and emergency rooms because of a confusing health department narrative that says in effect that everything is fine until we hear otherwise. It is time for our local administrators to act and to quit waiting for State or Federal officials to ride to the rescue. We are now a month into this crisis and the public needs answers. Please stand with us and visit our website at: <https://www.neveragainmosslanding.org> to learn ways to help.