

Frontlines of Environmental Justice December 2013



Greenaction, Community & Environmental Justice Allies Protest at California State Capitol to Demand Healthy Communities and Justice for Kettleman City!

Chanting “We are all Kettleman City,” 100 people from communities across the state that are polluted and suffering health problems gathered in Sacramento on October 6th in front of the California EPA office to demand health and environmental justice. We submitted a letter signed by 52 organizations demanding the Cal EPA/Department of Toxics deny permits to expand the violation-plagued Chemical Waste Management toxic waste dump in Kettleman City. Protesters demanded the government get out of bed with polluters, and to dramatize the point rallied in front of a bed decorated with the logos of some of our least favorite polluters and pictures of Governor Brown and Department of Toxics’ Director Debbie Raphael.



North Salt Lake City Residents, Greenaction & Doctors Escalate Campaign To Shut Stericycle Medical Waste Incinerator as Pollution Problems Continue

As black toxic smoke and flames once again poured out of Stericycle’s violation-plagued incinerator in this neighborhood of young families, the campaign by residents, Greenaction and physicians has escalated.

The Governor and top elected officials are now involved and want to move the incinerator to another part of Utah,

but residents and Greenaction do not want the pollution transferred to another community. We are working together to shut the dangerous incinerator and to encourage the use of safer non-incineration technologies to sterilize the medical waste.

We’ve had large community rallies, the story is getting major media coverage, and we are keeping the pressure on! This is the last commercial medical waste incinerator in the west, and if we win our campaign it will be a precedent to help end the dirty practice of medical waste incineration across the country and world.

Bayview Hunters Point: Climate Change, Rising Sea Levels and Toxics

On September 21st, Greenaction & 350.org joined together in a rally to draw attention to the threat posed by rising sea levels due to climate change. As glaciers melt and super storms increase, communities with toxic sites along their waterfronts will face flooding that can spread toxic contamination and threaten health and homes. We are starting a campaign to protect waterfront communities from this toxic threat, and we continue to battle polluting industries that contribute to the climate change that threatens our communities and planet.



Toxic Waste and Homes Don't Mix!

Greenaction continues to fight plans by the Lennar Corporation and the City to build thousands of homes at the toxic contaminated former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard site. We are demanding that a bigger buffer zone be created to ensure residents, especially kids, are not living in new homes built close to this toxic site.

We will also be a watchdog for the community to make sure the City properly cleans up toxic sites known as "Brownfields" that they plan to redevelop into open space called the "Blue Greenway." Bayview Hunters Point residents deserve toxic-free places to live and play!

Protecting West Oakland Kids from Toxic Pollution: Support Grows to Move Toxic Kids' Play Area in West Oakland away from Superfund site & Freeway

Greenaction's campaign to have the kids' play structure in South Prescott Park moved away from the AMCO Chemical Superfund site and the 880 freeway is gaining support. USEPA, the Community Advisory Group for the Superfund site and Friends of South Prescott Park will be working with us to try to relocate the kids play structure in South Prescott Park to a safer location. Kids deserve a safe place to play!

Uniting Farmers & Farmworkers to Stop "HECA" Coal-Burning Fertilizer Plant in San Joaquin Valley

Greenaction joined a big crowd of residents including farmers and farmworkers at the September 18th hearing held by the California Energy Commission is to speak out against plans by Hydrogen Energy California (HECA) to build a coal-burning fertilizer plant near Buttonwillow and Bakersfield in California's San Joaquin Valley that has terrible air quality, toxic waste dumps, pesticides, and fracking and diesel pollution. We are organizing farmworkers, farmers and environmental and health advocates into an alliance to protect their air and communities from this project.



Help Protect the Green & Colorado Rivers from a Proposed Nuclear Power Plant in Utah!

Blue Castle Holdings seeks to build a nuclear power plant in Green River, Utah, about four miles from the beautiful Green River in southern Utah's canyonlands country. They would store radioactive fuel rods for thousands of years. Not only would this plant be located near National Parks but it could contaminate the Green River which flows into the Colorado River, drinking and agricultural water source for over 20 million people.

Call or Email Utah Governor Herbert and tell him to say NO to the proposed Green River power plant. (801) 538-1000 gherbert@utah.gov

Solar on Rooftops, Don't Pave Our Deserts!

Greenaction is supporting the work of Native Nations and the La Cuna de Aztlan Sacred Sites Protection Circle to protect the Mojave Desert ecosystem and many culturally important sacred sites from destruction by industrial scale mega-solar projects. Solar panels belong on every rooftop but giant projects that pave the desert and desecrate sacred indigenous sites are not the solution. Contact Greenaction Board of Director Alfredo Figueroa/Sacred Sites Protection Circle for info. (760) 922-6422 lacunadeaztlan@aol.com

ATTENTION KIDS & YOUTH!

Send us your artwork, photos and stories about protecting the environment for our new Kids & Youth Page on our website!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Office and administrative tasks
- Bookkeeping
- Community outreach
- Legal, video and fundraising

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