

## Winter 2017 *Frontlines of Environmental Justice*



### **Greenaction & residents force USEPA & Navy to retest Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site due to falsification of radioactive soil samples!**

Under pressure from Greenaction & residents, USEPA and CalEPA have called for retesting and have halted further transfers of land at the Shipyard Superfund site to the City until safety is assured. The falsification of samples by the Navy's contractor Tetra Tech raises serious questions about the "cleanup" of the Superfund site which is in the process of being turned over to the City and Lennar Corporation for a luxury development.

The government and Lennar plan to leave large amounts of toxic and radioactive contamination in place near San Francisco Bay's waterfront threatened by rising sea levels from climate change. We are mobilizing residents to demand a full cleanup of contamination along the waterfront, and to oppose gentrification that will displace people of color residents from their community.



**RESIST! RESIST! RESIST! RESIST! RESIST!**

### **Resist Trump! Join the Earth Day Action for Environmental and Climate Justice: April 21<sup>st</sup>, Noon, USEPA Region 9 in San Francisco**

Join the California Environmental Justice Coalition and Greenaction on April 21<sup>st</sup> for an Earth Day protest at Trump's "USEPA" Region IX office in San Francisco. We will speak out against Trump's anti-environment, anti-people, anti-science agenda, and demand an end to his racism and unjust actions. Communities of color and other low-income & working class communities suffer the disproportionate impact of pollution, and Trump's plans to gut environmental laws threaten everyone. We are stepping up the fight for clean air and water, healthy communities and environmental and climate justice.



### **Our Civil Rights Settlement helps bring about Victory in Kettleman City Clean Water Fight!**

El Pueblo & Greenaction have won our fight to replace Kettleman City's toxic contaminated drinking water supply. One day after we reached a federally-mediated settlement of our Civil Rights complaint against CalEPA/Department of Toxic Substances Control, they moved forward with final approval and funding to replace the toxic water and install a new treatment system. Construction is set to begin in April.

### **Victory in West Oakland! We Never Gave Up!**

In 1997 West Oakland residents helped form Greenaction as we helped fight for cleanup of toxic waste left by AMCO Chemical. In 2004, Greenaction and neighbors succeeded in getting the site placed on the Superfund National Priorities List – and we battled EPA to ensure the site would be cleaned up properly. We are proud to have worked with the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project to achieve victory as agreement has been reached with EPA on a safe cleanup of contamination, and work will start soon.

## Empowering Youth as Community Leaders

Greenaction's Environmental & Climate Justice Leadership Academies are creating new young leaders in Bayview Hunters Point (BVHP) in San Francisco, Gonzales in the Salinas Valley, Kettleman City in the San Joaquin Valley, and at the White Mesa Ute Community in southern Utah.



In BVHP, youth learn about climate change, sea level rise and radioactive and toxic contamination. This summer we will conduct our fourth Academy in Gonzales in the Salinas Valley where youth from farmworker families gain leadership and organizing skills and learn about sustainable agriculture, health and environmental threats from pesticides and climate change. In Kettleman City, youth are being empowered as the new generation of activists to continue the fight for health and justice. At the White Mesa Ute Community, Greenaction will conduct a Leadership Academy this spring for youth and adults about the dangers of the uranium mill next to their reservation and empowering tribal members with skills and knowledge to stop this radioactive threat.



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## Greenaction supports Indigenous Resistance from Standing Rock to White Mesa Ute lands



Energy Fuels LLC's White Mesa Uranium Mill pollutes the air, water, land and sacred sites of the adjacent White Mesa Ute Community of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe with radioactive contamination. Located in southern Utah, this is the last uranium mill in the U.S. and has been allowed to keep operating by state and federal agencies despite radioactive pollution and destruction of hundreds of ancient sacred and culturally significant sites. The US Bureau of Land Management has failed to conduct required inspections of the cultural sites for decades. Greenaction continues to work closely with the Tribe. We are supporting White Mesa tribal members in organizing a protest and spiritual walk to be held this spring to draw attention to this injustice.

## Greenaction & Mohave Elders of the Colorado River Indian Tribes Oppose Toxic Polluter on Tribal Lands

USEPA has proposed issuing permits to toxic polluter Evoqua Technologies that has operated on the Colorado River Indian Tribes reservation for a quarter century without proper permits. Greenaction and the Mohave Elders spoke out at USEPA's public hearing on the draft permits, blasting EPA for lying to tribal members and the tribal government about the facility and allowing sacred sites to be desecrated by the toxic emissions. Greenaction has submitted extensive written comments documenting why the permit must be denied.

## Community Supporters Help Greenaction Kick-Off our 20<sup>th</sup> Year Fighting for Environmental Justice

Community members and supporters packed into Greenaction's office on December 3<sup>rd</sup> to celebrate our first 19 years and to kick off our 20<sup>th</sup> year of winning victories for healthy communities, a healthy planet and environmental and climate justice. Thanks to everyone who attended and to all of our supporters!