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**Whistleblowers who worked at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site
Join Together to Warn the Public about Radioactive Cover Up**

**Greenaction Files Petition to Nuclear Regulatory Commission Calling for
Revocation of Tetra Tech's License due to Falsification of Hundreds of Radioactive
Soil Samples at Superfund Site Near San Francisco Bay & Homes**

San Francisco, CA – At a press conference Thursday, June 29, 2017 at noon in front of the Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site in Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco, many former employees of Tetra Tech and their subcontractors joined together for the first time in the most damning expose to date of the scandal-plagued radioactive contamination “cleanup.” The U.S. Navy contracted with Tetra Tech EC, Inc., to assist in the radiological cleanup of the Shipyard, a National Priorities List Superfund site.

In response to the failure of federal and state agencies to take meaningful action to address the radioactive and toxic contamination threat or to penalize Tetra Tech for falsifying hundreds of radioactive soil samples and other improper actions related to the Superfund contamination cleanup project, Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice announced it has filed a petition to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission demanding that Tetra Tech's national license be revoked.

USEPA, US Navy and the state Department of Toxic Substances Control allowed Tetra Tech to keep working at the site, and repeatedly claimed that the site was safe, until public pressure forced EPA and DTSC to write to the Navy on September 13, 2016 to confirm their agreement to put a hold on any further transfers of parcels of Shipyard land to the City for the Lennar/Five Points upscale and luxury development.

Tetra Tech's role was marked by intentional fraud, greed and disregard for the health and safety of present and future San Francisco residents as well as the greater Northern California community. Although Tetra Tech has admitted it engaged in a limited amount of soil-sampling fraud, it has not acknowledged the breadth and scope of its wrongdoing. Evidence shows that the wrongdoing was pervasive and directed by onsite management.

Tetra Tech employees and the radiological subcontractors it directly supervised were involved in at least six types of fraud:

- (1) fake sampling, in which soil samples – potentially thousands of them – were reported to have been taken at one location when they were actually taken from another;
- (2) discarding samples and analytical results when they came back radiologically too “hot”
- (3) altering scanning data to make them appear radiologically acceptable;
- (4) conducting false building surveys in which certain scan results were fabricated, others were falsified;
- (5) remediating radioactive material in soil improperly, resulting in potentially radioactively-contaminated soil being shipped offsite as well as being used as backfill for trenches at the Shipyard; &
- (6) altering Portal Monitor procedures so potentially radioactively-contaminated soil was allowed to be shipped offsite for commercial purposes to places unknown.

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Greenaction also released documents proving that Lennar/Five Points, not the USEPA, is playing a leading role in creating the agenda for closed-door “Tiger Team” meetings that were supposed to bring together technical experts from the federal, state, regional and local government regulatory agencies to develop plans for addressing the falsification of soil samples through additional sampling and clean up.

Greenaction and community residents spoke out to demand that science, safety and protection of health and the environment – not corporate profit – be the sole determinants on how to ensure the Shipyard Superfund Site is made as safe as possible. Greenaction and residents are calling for independent community oversight and comprehensive retesting of the entire Shipyard site and adjacent areas, including parcels that the Navy and EPA previously declared “clean” and have already been transferred to the City and Lennar/Five Points.

“It is a disgrace that our city, state and federal agencies ignored the falsification of radioactive soil samples for years, protecting a guilty federal contractor who was supposed to clean the radioactive contamination and a rich developer who wants to build thousands of luxury homes at the Superfund site,” said Bradley Angel, Executive Director of Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice.

“As a lifelong resident of Bayview Hunters Point, I am outraged at this radioactive scandal,” said Leaotis Martin, a member of the Bayview Hunters Point Mothers and Fathers Committee. “We demand that the Superfund site be fully cleaned up and that our health and environment be protected. We demand justice.”

“The whistleblowers have established Tetra Tech management compelled fraud at every level resulting in a faked radiological clean-up of Hunters Point. The Navy's statement that it will rely on Tetra Tech's data to determine what needs to be corrected at Hunters Point misses the fact these whistleblowers and their evidence establish that all Tetra Tech data at every level cannot be trusted,” said David Anton, Attorney. “A full and fresh investigation of Hunters Point on every level in every area is needed, as none of the work of Tetra Tech can be trusted. The NRC and the EPA must disclose where all soil shipped off Hunters Point was sent, and an investigation conducted of those sites to determine if the fraud of Tetra Tech has resulted in the hazardous radioactive wastes of Hunters Point being spread to numerous sites throughout California. Tetra Tech EC must be stripped of their license to do radioactive clean-up so that no other community will feel the fears that the Hunters Point neighborhood now feels.”

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Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice today filed a Petition with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission calling on them to revoke the license of Tetra Tech, a major federal contractor who performed decades of work at the Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site.

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Fraudulent sampling, scanning, and surveys led to fraudulent remediation; sites that required additional cleanup were not remediated and remain contaminated because fake samples indicated areas were “clean” when they were not.

Tetra Tech's top onsite management, its Project Manager and Construction Superintendent, participated in and directed the fraud. Tetra Tech's willful fraud demonstrates it is unworthy of an NRC license. Greenaction demands that it be revoked as an appropriate sanction for its fraud and to deter others from engaging in similar fraudulent conduct.

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