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Press Conference to Blast Radioactive and Toxic Cover-Up at Treasure Island

Whistleblowers, Environmental Health and Justice Advocates to Call for Protection of Residents, Kids & Workers, and Re-Testing and Improved Cleanup of Contamination

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019 AT 2 PM

In front of Building 1, One Avenue of the Palms, Treasure Island, San Francisco

Treasure Island, San Francisco, CA – Responding to the concerns of residents who fear for their health, a press conference will be held Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 2 pm on Treasure Island to document the very real threat to public health and the environment due to an inadequate cleanup of radioactive and toxic contamination resulting from decades of the island being used as a Navy base.

The Treasure Island Naval Base left a legacy of contamination, including dioxins, lead, petroleum and radioactive waste including more than 1,000 radioactive objects. Housing was built, and is still occupied, next to and likely on top of contamination. Many residents look out their windows at radioactive waste warning sites and piles of contamination feet from their homes.

The press conference will be held in front of Building 1, One Avenue of the Palms, near the entrance to Treasure Island. Please note there is construction in the area and parking may be limited.

Speakers will highlight the inadequate “cleanup” of contamination, including next to homes where residents in subsidized housing live. Residents and workers on the Island live and work in close proximity to contamination that has not been properly assessed or properly remediated.

The main speakers will be whistleblowers who had worked at the site for Tetra Tech and for a subcontractor of Shaw Environmental. These whistleblowers have firsthand knowledge of fraud and inadequate cleanup of contamination. Other speakers will include a physician and advocates. Residents are fearful of retaliation and eviction if they speak out, but will speak anonymously to reporters today or tomorrow (Please contact Bradley Angel/Greenaction at bradley@greenaction.org or 415-722-5270 for contact information for these residents).

Despite the fact that government agencies finally took action in response to Tetra Tech’s massive fraud at the Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site, neither the Navy, CalEPA/Department of Toxic Substances Control, or the Water Board has bothered to investigate if similar fraud occurred at Treasure

Island – and continue to claim everything is fine, despite the evidence. Treasure Island, like the Shipyard, is slated for mega-development – despite the contamination and rising sea levels.