

Frontlines

of Environmental Justice

Fall and Winter 2015

Greenaction Unites Oakland, California and Utah Communities and grassroots groups to oppose proposed coal-export marine terminal:

Greenaction is working with our allies in Oakland and across Utah in opposition to the plan to export up to six million tons of Utah coal each year from a proposed marine export terminal at the former Oakland Army Base.

Greenaction has taken the lead to inform and organize diverse groups in Utah to join the fight against this plan that would add more pollution to Utah and California communities and more greenhouse gasses into the environment.

Our efforts have brought together diverse Utah faith-based, health, community, environmental and climate justice groups, further strengthening the huge opposition against this reckless project.

Coal is bad for the climate, community and worker health, and the environment. Prolonged exposure to coal dust is linked to chronic bronchitis, decreased lung function, emphysema, cancer, and death. This project would cause health impacts on low-income residents of color who already suffer problems from pollution. Coal is the largest contributor to climate disruption.

Urge Oakland Mayor Libby Schaff to do whatever she can to defeat this project:
officeofthemayor@oaklandnet.com

Save the Date! Take Action!

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 Noon

Protest Lennar Corporation's Toxic Gentrification & pollution of Bayview Hunters Point! Join to take action at their "SF Shipyard" downtown sales office 645 Howard Street, SF



Challenging Oil Industry Attempts to Rescind Congressional Crude Oil Export Ban

Greenaction organized actions August 20th & September 8th at the San Francisco Federal Building to oppose oil industry attempts to get Congress to lift the ban on shipping crude oil abroad.



(photo: Greenaction community members from Huntersview Mothers & Fathers Committee speak out for climate justice!)

Exporting crude oil will encourage more fracking and tar sands mining, causing increased health, environmental and climate problems worldwide.

To protect health, the environment and stop climate change, we need to keep the crude oil export ban in place, stop fracking and tar sands mining, stop crude oil by rail, and build the campaign to keep dirty oil and other fossil fuels in the ground, and support renewable energy.

Call your US Senators (202) 224-3121

Tell them to vote against attempts to lift the ban on exporting crude oil!

Greenaction's Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Response Task Force: Reducing Pollution and Bringing About Change:

BVHP & Southeast San Francisco residents have a new tool to get responses to pollution problems. The BVHP Environmental Justice Response Task Force brings together residents, community and environmental justice groups, businesses and local, regional, state and federal agencies to remedy pollution reported by residents.

Part of the growing statewide IVAN network (Identifying Violations Affecting Neighborhoods), a website was created to help residents file pollution complaints online. Dozens of complaints have already come in and are forwarded to the appropriate government agency. The public can track the action or inaction to the complaints online, thus pressuring the agencies to be more responsive and transparent.

Check it out: www.bvhp-ivan.org

BVHP EJ Task Force Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 2 pm at Southeast Community College.

The January task force meeting will be held in the evening for those residents who are unable to attend afternoon meetings. Stay tuned for details.

Empowering Youth Leaders in Bayview Hunters Point, Gonzales and Kettleman City!

Greenaction is expanding our Youth and Community Environmental Justice Academy programs. .

Our third Youth Academy in the Salinas Valley town of Gonzales is underway. Youth from farmworker families are gaining leadership and organizing skills as they learn about sustainable agriculture, health and environmental threats from pesticides and climate change. They are receiving mentorship to attend college and will help organize the Dia del Nino festival in the spring. We are also planning new Youth Academies this winter in Kettleman City and Bayview Hunters Point.

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(photo: Gonzales Leadership Academy graduates)

US EPA Office of Civil Rights Starts Mediation of Greenaction's Kettleman City Civil Rights Complaint Against California EPA & Department of Toxic Substances Control



The Title VI US Civil Rights Act complaint filed by Greenaction and El Pueblo of Kettleman City against the State Department of Toxic Substances Control and Cal EPA is coming to a climax. The complaint challenges the state's racially discriminatory approval of the expansion of the giant Chemical Waste Management toxic waste landfill in Kettleman City, including the use of blatantly racially discriminatory hearing procedures and police intimidation during the EIR process.

The US EPA's Office of Civil Rights accepted our Title VI Civil Rights Act complaint for investigation shortly after we filed it. Federal mediation is set to begin in mid-November, and the world will quickly learn if the state agencies' alleged commitment to environmental justice and civil rights is real or is it just public relations.