

# *Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice*

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On behalf of our community members in Bayview Hunters Point and all across the San Francisco Bay Area, Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice is encouraged that the US Navy and other government agencies are finally admitting what they knew to be true for years – that federal contractor Tetra Tech had falsified radioactive soil samples and manipulated data at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site and that the fraud appears to be massive and far beyond what had been acknowledged to date.

Unfortunately, city, state and federal agencies failed to take proper action against Tetra Tech and to protect our health, environment and taxpayer dollars for too many years, and kept saying that the cleanup was going well when the facts proved otherwise. Government agencies and the mega-developer Lennar/Five Points tried to ignore what whistleblowers have been saying, but now finally the truth is coming out.

An additional concern is that the US Navy, USEPA, and Lennar/Five Points plan on leaving high levels of radioactive and hazardous wastes buried at the site next to the San Francisco Bay waterfront, despite plans to build thousands of homes next to this area and despite the threat posed by rising sea levels due to climate change.

It is also unacceptable that Tetra Tech is working on the radioactive contaminated Treasure Island site.

Lastly, we are outraged that in October 2017 the USEPA gave Tetra Tech an \$85 million contract to assess contamination from old uranium mines on the Navajo Nation despite knowing about the fraud at the Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site.

## **WE DEMAND THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Tetra Tech's license as a federal contractor must be revoked, with significant fines assessed. Tetra Tech should repay the government, and taxpayers, all monies from the Shipyard project.
2. New testing and data analysis at the Superfund site should include the entire original Shipyard site including parcels that have already been transferred, as well as adjacent areas where reports indicate illegal dumping may have occurred.
3. All new testing and data analysis must be conducted with full independent community oversight, with experts chosen by community/environmental justice groups participating in new testing and analysis – paid for with a government technical assistance grant.
4. Government must provide transparency and meaningful opportunities for public participation in decisions regarding the Shipyard, including inviting the public to attend

what have been closed door "Tiger Team" meetings between the agencies, City Hall, and the develop Lennar/Five Points.