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California Department of Public Health Releases Controversial Work Plan for Limited Scanning, Not Comprehensive Sampling, of Hunters Point Shipyard Parcel A Where Hundreds of Residents Live

Greenaction & Bayview Hunters Point Residents Denounce State's Refusal to Conduct Comprehensive Soil Sampling for Radioactive and Toxic Contaminants of Soil Under Homes

Greenaction & Community Press Conference and Protest When State Plans to Start Work

MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018 at 12 NOON

Meet in front of Lennar Shipyard Welcome Center Next to Parcel A

San Francisco, CA – Bayview Hunters Point residents and Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice denounce the plan released today by the California Department of Public Health to conduct only limited scanning at Parcel A of the former Hunters Point Shipyard where hundreds of residents now live.

The CDPH plans to start work on Monday, July 16, 2018 to conduct surface scanning for some radioactive contaminants only in publicly accessible areas. In the face of the massive fraud committed by Tetra Tech, and intense public pressure, City officials called on the state to conduct testing at Parcel A. Residents are outraged that CDPH is refusing to conduct comprehensive soil sampling under the surface or under homes, a key demand of the community.

Greenaction and the Bayview Hunters Point Mothers and Fathers Committee will hold a press conference and protest on Monday, July 16th at 12 noon at the site when CDPH has announced they will commence work. The press conference will be held in front of the Lennar Shipyard Welcome Center, 11 Innes Court, San Francisco. The protest will then peacefully challenge the CDPH to conduct real, comprehensive sampling of the site.

Parcel A was part of the federal Superfund Site and was transferred to the City and mega-developer Lennar Corporation in 2004. Removal of some contaminated soil at Parcel A took place two decades ago, and it is unknown if hazardous and radioactive contaminants remain – especially due to federal contractor Tetra Tech's involvement in certifying that Parcel A was allegedly remediated.

Greenaction, community groups and residents continue to demand comprehensive soil sampling with community oversight of the entire original Shipyard site, including parcels already transferred, and adjacent areas.

“Just scanning publicly accessible areas and not testing under homes is not a solution, it is a threat to people's health. It is clear that government agencies are not interested in finding out the truth, and are continuing their efforts to cover-up the failure to properly clean up the radioactive and toxic contaminated shipyard,” said Bradley Angel, Executive Director of Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice.

“Why are our government agencies refusing to do everything they can to protect residents from the radioactive and toxic pollution known to be at the Shipyard?” said Leaotis Martin, lifelong resident of Bayview Hunters Point. “The government should work to protect the people, and not do limited testing so they can help the giant corporate developer make money selling homes next to toxic and radioactive land.”

“This plan would just be a bad joke if the possibility of soil contamination in Parcel A wasn't so serious,” said Steven Castleman, Visiting Associate Professor & Staff Attorney, Golden Gate University School of Law Environmental Law and Justice Clinic.