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***As NRC Agrees to Hear Greenaction's Petition to Revoke
Tetra Tech's License due to Hunters Point Shipyard Fraud,***

**Greenaction Files New Petition with California Department of Public Health
to Revoke Tetra Tech's California Radiological Material License**

San Francisco, CA – Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice today filed an administrative petition with the Radiological Branch of the California Department of Public Health to revoke Tetra Tech EC, Inc.'s California Radiological Material License No. 7909-01. The well-documented petition sets forth in detail why license revocation is warranted; because Tetra Tech committed massive radiological fraud in the remediation of the decommissioned Hunters Point Naval Shipyard in San Francisco, California, a federal Superfund site.

Greenaction's Petition to CDPH and all supporting documents can be found at:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zh2pknpgvuucip0/AAA-1xjCHxjVtQ_s8wvTpm9Za?dl=0

In a victory for Greenaction and the public interest, on July 2, 2018, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission informed Greenaction's attorneys that it will hear Greenaction's petition to revoke Tetra Tech's national license. The petition was filed on June 29, 2017, over a year ago. The new petition filed today with the State of California contains extensive new factual documentation learned and acquired in the 13 months since the original petition was filed with the NRC.

The Superfund Site is located in the heart of the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood along San Francisco Bay, and is heavily contaminated with radioactive and hazardous wastes. Thousands of homes are planned to be built at the site, and thousands of long-time residents live adjacent to the Shipyard.

Tetra Tech was responsible for radiological remediation at the Shipyard Superfund Site. Rather than conducting a proper cleanup, however, Tetra Tech: faked potentially thousands of soil samples, substituting known "clean" samples to prove remediation had been completed when it had not; discarded "dirty" samples; altered data to avoid further cleanup; used potentially contaminated soil as backfill on the Shipyard; permitted potentially contaminated soil to be shipped offsite to locations not permitted for radiological waste; and falsified building surveys to make them appear clean,

USEPA, US Navy and the state Department of Toxic Substances Control allowed Tetra Tech to keep working at the site, until public pressure forced EPA and DTSC to write to the Navy on September 13, 2016 to put a hold on any further transfers of parcels of Shipyard land to the City due to Tetra Tech's apparent massive fraud. Since that time, federal and state agencies have reviewed much of Tetra Tech's work at the Shipyard and have

concluded that its data has no integrity. Environmental and criminal investigations of Tetra Tech's work continue.

Despite clear and massive fraud at the Shipyard, including the fact that two Tetra Tech supervisors are now in federal prison for committing fraud, Tetra Tech continues to work on government contracts across the Bay Area, state and nation – including at Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay.

“The more we learn, the clearer it is Tetra Tech can't be trusted to do radiation work and its federal and state licenses should be revoked,” said Steve Castleman, Attorney with the Environmental Law and Justice Clinic of the Golden Gate University School of Law. “We're pleased we'll be able to make that case directly to an NRC hearing board and hope the Department of Public Health grants us the same opportunity in the near future.”

"Whistleblower claims and government investigations show Tetra Tech engaged in decade long radioactive frauds putting health and lives at risk for centuries," said Attorney David Anton. "Tetra Tech no longer deserves the privileges of the licenses issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and California."

“Our government must protect people and the environment by ensuring that Tetra Tech never again gets to commit fraud that endangers people's health and environment,” said Bradley Angel, Executive Director of Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice. “It is time for justice, and for proper cleanups of the Shipyard and other contamination sites far and wide.”

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