



## Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site Battle Explodes! Big Progress in Fight for Better Cleanup and to Defeat Gentrification

Greenaction's tireless work to expose the radioactive and toxic scandal at the Shipyard Superfund site in Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco, is paying off. The Navy & EPA admit that fraud committed by federal contractor Tetra Tech was greater than previously acknowledged, possibly the biggest fraud in environmental cleanup ever. Under fire from Greenaction & residents, the government has announced *some* retesting of the site. We demand comprehensive sampling of the entire site, including parcels already transferred for housing, and adjacent areas.

We are also challenging government plans to leave radioactive and toxic waste buried at the Shipyard by the San Francisco Bay waterfront, where rising sea levels threaten to inundate contamination and flood the community. We are fighting for the best possible cleanup of contamination, and to stop plans by mega-developer Lennar/Five Points to build thousands of upscale homes at the Shipyard that would gentrify the low income people of color neighborhood and expose current and future residents to harmful contamination. Thanks to our resistance, Lennar/Five Points' gentrification project is set back and in big trouble!



## Summer 2018 Frontlines of Environmental Justice



### Youth Take the Lead at Greenaction in 2018!

Greenaction empowers youth as leaders of today, not just tomorrow. This summer we kicked off our Environmental Justice Youth Leadership Academies in Gonzales in the Salinas Valley and Kettleman City in the San Joaquin Valley. The youth are learning public speaking, research, and community organizing skills, and are sharing their lived experiences to work collectively towards a healthy, just, and sustainable future. The youth will use these skills to address pesticide drift, water contamination, waste disposal, and diesel pollution. We believe in the power and passion that youth possess and give them support and tools they need to be effective community organizers and leaders.

### Greenaction "Greets" Trump's Corrupt EPA Director Scott Pruitt with Protest... and He Resigns One Week Later!

Thanks to a whistleblower tip, USEPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's attempt to sneak into San Francisco on June 29<sup>th</sup> failed! With just a few days notice, Greenaction organized a successful protest that received extensive media coverage. Over 100 people participated and sent a strong message that this corrupt, pro-polluter Trump Administration official is not welcome in San Francisco or anywhere. Pruitt is notorious for corruption, conflict of interest, lack of transparency, and his all out attempts to wipe out environmental protections. Pruitt could not hide from Greenaction and the truth...and on July 5<sup>th</sup> he resigned!

**RESIST and WIN!**

## **Environmental Justice & Sacred Site Battles Rage on Indigenous Lands**

Greenaction continues our long time work in solidarity with Native Nations. One of our newest campaigns is to work with and support the Wailaki Tribe and Cahto tribal members at the Laytonville Rancheria in northern California who live on toxic land contaminated by old county garbage dumps. We continue our intensive work with the White Mesa Ute Community/Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in Utah to oppose the Energy Fuel's uranium mill and dump that pollutes the air, water and land, and desecrates and destroys sacred sites. Greenaction joined Ute tribal members and allies on May 19<sup>th</sup> in a Protest & Spiritual Walk from the White Mesa Ute Community over four miles to the front gate of the uranium mill.

We support Native Nations working to protect the new Bears Ears National Monument in Utah from Trump's attempt to open this beautiful and sacred area to mining and drilling. Greenaction and the Mohave Elders of the Colorado River Indian Tribes are pressuring USEPA to deny permits to the Evoqua facility that has been burning hazardous wastes on tribal lands. USEPA has let the company operate for over 26 years without proper permits and without any Environmental Impact Statement, and falsely claimed they conducted a Health Risk Assessment and conducted test burns. The facility emits toxic pollutants into the air.

## **Kettleman City Civil Rights Victory Bringing Historic Changes in State Policies**

As a result of our precedent-setting federal civil rights settlement in August 2016, Greenaction & El Pueblo of Kettleman City have been in implementation meetings with CalEPA/Department of Toxic Substances Control to ensure they comply. We just won a big victory when the DTSC adopted policies that require them to comply with civil rights laws in permit and regulatory processes, including to ensure non-English speakers have access and meaningful civic engagement opportunities. These policies will make it harder for the state to use racially discriminatory processes that enable polluters to keep dumping on low income people of color and working class communities that bear the brunt of pollution and injustice.

## **Greenaction's Marie Harrison Honored by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors**



On June 26<sup>th</sup>, Greenaction's Marie Harrison was recognized by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors for her decades of tireless work for environmental health and justice in her community of Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco. Marie joined Greenaction as a community organizer in 1999, and helped lead the fight that closed the dirty PG&E Hunters Point Power Plant. She worked with residents to improve dilapidated public housing conditions, led our diesel emissions reduction campaigns, helped launch and coordinate our Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Task Force, and is a leader in the epic struggle to clean up the Shipyard Superfund Site and stop gentrification. Despite a serious respiratory illness, Marie continues her organizing and advocacy, and has joined Greenaction's Board of Directors.

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