



As Sea Levels Rise, Communities Demand Full Clean Up of Shoreline Contamination at Hunters Point Shipyard, Treasure Island, Richmond and other communities

In a major development validating Greenaction’s work, the San Francisco Civil Grand Jury has released a bombshell report entitled *“Buried Problems and a Buried Process: The Hunters Point Naval Shipyard in a Time of Climate Change.”*

The report concluded that “The intersection of rising ground water and buried contaminants poses a credible risk to human health and well-being.” The grand jury also confirmed that the Navy and government agencies have failed to consider rising groundwater and its impact on radioactive and toxic contamination that the government plans to leave near the shoreline of San Francisco Bay.

Despite scientific projections that sea levels may rise up to 7 ½ feet by the end of the century, the government plans on leaving some contamination buried at sea level. We are working with community and coalition partners to demand full cleanup of all contamination along the San Francisco Bay shoreline. It’s time for government to protect people, not corporations!



Stop Dumping Uranium on White Mesa Ute Community of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

Greenaction is on the frontlines with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and tribal members in the campaign to close Energy Fuels’ uranium mill located next to the White Mesa Ute Community in southern Utah – and near the newly restored Bears Ears National Monument. The priority is to stop plans to import radioactive material from around the world to the mill. Last fall we joined with tribal leaders, tribal members, and allies to hold a regional conference and powerful Spiritual Walk and Protest against the uranium mill. This year’s Spiritual Walk and Protest will be held in October. Join us!



Stop Dumping Toxic Waste on Buttonwillow and Kettleman City!

Greenaction and El Pueblo of Kettleman City are demanding state and federal agencies stop allowing the hazardous waste landfills in Buttonwillow and Kettleman City to operate on expired permits issued years ago with racially discriminatory processes and police intimidation. After decades of being industry’s dumping ground, it is time for government and industry to reduce the amount of toxic waste generated, and to use safer alternatives to landfills and incineration.

VICTORY! Together We Defeated the Proposed Indian Pass Gold Mine

When Quechan tribal elder Preston Arrow-weed and Tribal Councilmember Faron Owl asked Greenaction for help, we joined the fight to defeat a cyanide leach gold mine proposed at Indian Pass in the Sonoran Desert of California. Known to the Quechan as part of the “Trail of Dreams,” Indian Pass has sacred and cultural significance to Indigenous people. Facing strong opposition, Kore Mining/Imperial Gold has dropped plans to conduct exploratory drilling at Indian Pass. While they may try again, they won’t succeed. This is a victory for environmental justice and Indigenous rights.



Empowering Youth as Leaders of Today

From our own staff to dozens of diverse youth who have participated in our Youth Environmental and Climate Justice Leadership Academy programs, we are proud to continue our commitment to empower youth and young adults as environmental justice leaders of today.

Since we began our Youth EJ leadership program, we have held successful academies and trainings in Bayview Hunters Point, Kettleman City, Salinas Valley, White Mesa Ute Community, Gila River Indian Community, and the Colorado River Indian Tribes. During the pandemic we conducted an Urban, Rural and Indigenous Youth Environmental and Climate Justice Leadership Academy, bringing together diverse youth from frontline communities around the southwest US.

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Health Crisis in Laytonville, California

We are continuing our work with residents including the Cahto Tribe whose land is contaminated with toxic pollution from old leaking county landfills that were never properly capped and where toxic waste was illegally burned and dumped. For several decades, county, state and federal agencies and elected officials have ignored the cries of residents asking for relocation as the rates of cancer and death are terribly high. Greenaction and residents conducted a health survey in 2018 in which respondents reported cancer and respiratory problems many times the state and national average. We are holding government agencies accountable and we will join residents in taking direct action if that is what is needed to achieve justice.



It’s Greenaction’s 25th Year of Organizing, Mobilizing & Winning Victories for Healthy Communities & Environmental Justice!

In late 1997, grassroots leaders from frontline urban, rural and Indigenous communities formed Greenaction as a strong organization that would join and support communities on the frontlines in campaigns for health and environmental justice.

We were founded as an organization that would never sell-out, would not compromise on issues of health and justice, and would help communities win victories and bring about changes in industry and government policies and practices. We are proud of what we have accomplished and that we have remained true to our mission. Please join with us and get involved!

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