



As Sea Levels Rise, Communities Demand Full Cleanup 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 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. We are working with the Tribe, tribal members, and allies to organize the annual Spiritual Walk and Protest against the uranium mill to be held Saturday, October 22nd. Join us!



Stop Dumping Toxic Waste on Buttonwillow and Kettleman City!

Greenaction and community groups are demanding government agencies close the hazardous waste landfills in Buttonwillow and Kettleman City We demand industry reduce the amount of toxic waste generated, and use safer alternatives to landfills and incineration. We launched a new organizing campaign in Buttonwillow and the response from residents has been great. Organizing continues in Kettleman City, with a community health fair to be held Saturday, August 13th.

Victories at Indian Pass, North Salt Lake City, and Buttonwillow!

Indian Pass, California: Facing strong opposition from the Quechan Tribe, tribal members, Greenaction, and allies, Kore Mining/Imperial Gold has dropped plans to conduct exploratory drilling for a cyanide leach gold mine at sacred Indian Pass in the Sonoran Desert.

North Salt Lake City, Utah: The long fight to close Stericycle's medical waste incinerator has been won. The incinerator had massive violations and emitted dioxin, mercury and many other pollutants. Greenaction supports sterilization, not burning, of medical waste.

Buttonwillow, California: Greenaction successfully opposed the attempt by "Clean Harbors Buttonwillow" to get away with illegal disposal of untreated toxic waste at their landfill in this farmworker community. In a rare decision favoring communities, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control rejected the company's request.



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 continue working 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. Government 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 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 to 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 improve industry and government policies and practices. We are proud of our accomplishments and that we remain true to our mission.

Stay tuned for information about in-person and virtual events later this year celebrating our 25th Anniversary!

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