

# ATTENTION BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS!

## WHAT: GREENACTION AND COMMUNITY PRESS CONFERENCE

Please join with Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice to announce a major new action challenging the US NAVY and US EPA for to their failure to conduct full retesting of the Superfund Site and their failure to do a full cleanup of all radioactive and toxic waste at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site.

**WHEN: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023 at 11 am**

**WHERE: Near the corner of Galvez and Donahue by the entrance to the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site**

### Background information:

Greenaction, on behalf of our members who live in Bayview Hunters Point, will join with other residents and community groups to insist that the Navy live up to its promise to fully retest the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site for radioactive contamination, and to demand a full and proper cleanup of all radioactive and toxic waste at the site.

The Navy and the Environmental Protection Agency have both violated their legal responsibilities under the Superfund law, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, & Liability Act (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. § 9621, to ensure a cleanup that protects human health and the environment.

The Navy’s radiological contractor, Tetra Tech EC, Inc., committed extensive fraud and falsified radiological testing data. As a result, the Navy had to discard all Tetra Tech EC’s data and develop a new retesting plan. First, it would “excavate and analyze the soil of 33 percent of the trench units.” If that uncovered contamination, the Navy agreed to “re-excavate and retest 100 percent” of Tetra Tech’s work. On September 23, 2021, the Navy reiterated its promise to do 100% retesting if contamination was found in a presentation to Mayor London Breed which said, “Any exceedances of radionuclides triggers 100% excavation of trenches.”

Our action is prompted by the discovery of contamination during retesting. First, strontium-90 levels exceeding cleanup goals were found in 33 Parcel G soil samples in 2021. For the past two years, the Navy has reneged on the agreement, refusing to do 100% retesting as required. Second, a radioactive deck marker was recently found in Parcel C soil. This too should have triggered 100% retesting, but the Navy has refused to do so.

The Navy is responsible for a proper cleanup of the Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund Site. **It must honor its word and conduct 100% retesting using EPA approved methods.** Only by doing that can the Navy assure its cleanup will protect human health and rectify environmental injustices. Greenaction is prepared to take new, strong action against the Navy and EPA for failing to properly conduct the cleanup in violation of their statutorily mandated duties.