



*Winter 2024*

## *Frontlines of Environmental Justice*



### **Progress in Epic Campaign to Win Full Cleanup of Radioactive & Toxic Waste at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund Site in San Francisco**

Our lawsuit against the Navy and EPA has successfully forced some retesting in key parcels in the Shipyard and we continue to push for complete retesting and cleanup. We challenged the inadequate cleanup plan for a part of the Superfund Site *which is underwater*. We continue working with residents to oppose “capping” of contamination where rising sea levels and groundwater will eventually flood and spread the waste into the Bay and neighborhoods.

### **Greenaction & San Francisco Bay Shoreline Communities Continue to Demand Cleanup of Contamination as Sea Levels & Groundwater Rise**

As Bay Area Counties begin to prepare for sea level rise with shoreline adaptation plans, we demand they include comprehensive cleanup standards that ensure no waste is left in place in areas that could be exposed to sea level rise or groundwater rise. Greenaction and our allies in the San Francisco Bay Shoreline Contamination Cleanup Coalition (made up of 19 organizations) are holding US EPA and state agencies accountable for their responsibility to ensure toxic cleanups are fully protective of public health and the environment, now and into the future. We have succeeded in getting the government to acknowledge that rising sea levels and rising groundwater could flood shoreline contamination sites, and now we are demanding the government follow their own regulations and science and carry out proper cleanups.

### **Successful Actions in Utah to Stop Radioactive Dumping on Indigenous Sacred Lands**

Greenaction continued our work with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and White Mesa Concerned Community to mobilize tribal members and allies as we stepped up the campaign to stop Energy Fuels’ uranium mill from continuing to pollute the environment and destroy Indigenous sacred sites – and from becoming an international radioactive waste dump. Together we held a successful rally on October 4th at the Capitol in Salt Lake City, and on October 12th, 150 tribal members and supporters including Greenaction took part in the annual White Mesa Spiritual Walk and Protest against the uranium mill.



### **Resist False Solutions to Climate Change!**

To protect our frontline communities from pollution and climate change, we need to utilize solutions that center community well-being and the environment, not phony “solutions” pushed by the fossil fuel and waste disposal industries. Greenaction is actively opposing two carbon sequestration pipelines proposed near Buttonwillow in Kern County in California’s Central Valley. We are also challenging companies pushing so-called “waste-to-hydrogen” and “waste to energy” projects that are just incinerators in disguise.

## **Beware of H-Cycle and “Rainforest Energy” Waste Disposal Schemes**

We are challenging industry and government attempts to disguise a new generation of combustion technologies as “green” renewable energy. H-Cycle is proposing “gasification” facilities in many communities, and the first battle is in Pittsburg, California, a low income/working class people of color community. Other areas being targeted are across California and in the Salt Lake City, Utah area. In late October, we learned of an attempt by a company called “Rainforest Energy” to convince the City Council of Avenal, California to partner with them in a waste disposal and carbon sequestration project. Greenaction is working with residents and the Central California Environmental Justice Network to educate residents and defeat this project.



## **Lithium Mining: A Green Solution or More Harm to People and the Environment?**

Greenaction is joining community, environmental, and Indigenous groups in raising concerns about many existing and proposed lithium mining projects. At Thacker Pass in northern Nevada, we are in solidarity with People of Red Mountain (a Paiute and Shoshone grassroots group) fighting mining that is destroying and desecrating a sacred area. In the Imperial Valley of California, we join Quechan tribal members and others in raising concerns about the proposed “Lithium Valley” projects that would use existing geothermal wells to mine lithium but would generate toxic waste and air pollution in already heavily impacted low-income communities.

## **Greenaction Environmental Justice Leadership Academy Empowers Bayview Hunters Point Youth**

Thanks to a generous donation to Greenaction by tennis star Mackenzie McDonald, we held a successful Bayview Hunters Point Youth Environmental and Climate Justice Leadership Academy. Fifteen youth from the community, many living in public housing near contaminated sites, participated in our latest youth academy to learn about pollution and climate threats to their health and environment. We also educated the youth about the importance of athletic activity such as tennis and other sports, and the need for a clean and healthy environment.

## **Join Us in Resisting Trump’s Attack on Environmental and Climate Justice!**

As Trump prepares to “drill baby drill,” eliminate many regulations that limit pollution from dirty industries, and revoke climate change policies, we will speak out, stand up, and resist!

## **PLEASE SUPPORT GREENACTION!**

**Help Greenaction with the funds and capacity to keep helping communities and Native Nations win victories for healthy and safe environments and environmental, climate, social and racial justice.** Your support helps make our work possible and successful. Spread the word, tell your friends, family, and co-workers about Greenaction!



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