



Update from the Front Lines of
Environmental Justice! - Spring 2011

**From Japan to the United States:
We Demand Solar & Wind Power, Not
Nuclear Power & Uranium Mining!
Help Protect the Green and Colorado
Rivers from a Proposed Nuclear Power
Plant in Southern Utah!**

As the world watches the nuclear disaster in Japan, the nightmare of a radioactive disaster from nuclear power has again become a reality. This is a wake-up call that we need solar and wind power and conservation, not nuclear power. A company called Blue Castle Holdings wants to build a nuclear power plant in Green River, Utah, about four miles from the beautiful Green River in southern Utah's Canyonlands country. Not only would this nuclear plant be located near Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, but it could contaminate the Green River which flows directly into the Colorado River, a drinking and agricultural water source for over 20 million people. Call or Email Utah Governor Herbert and tell him to say "NO!" to the proposed Green River power plant.

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**Meet Maria Saucedo:
New Greenaction Community
Organizer in Kettleman City!**

Please join us in welcoming Maria Saucedo to Greenaction's staff. As a long time Kettleman City resident, Maria learned first hand what can happen if you live in a polluted town. Maria was one of the mothers whose baby was born with birth defects and passed away. Despite this tragedy, Maria and the other Kettleman City moms who also had babies with birth defects became leaders in their town, speaking out to demand environmental justice.

Maria will be working with our other community organizers and outreach workers to educate and mobilize residents in this David and Goliath fight that we wage in honor of the children of Kettleman City!

TAKE ACTION!

GET INVOLVED:

- Signup or donate for our 1st Annual Walk-a-thon for Environmental Justice! Visit greenaction.givezooks.com for details.
- Join our Facebook Group! Search for "Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice."
- Join our activist network to receive email updates and action alerts! Sign-up through greenaction@greenaction.org
- Donate to support our work! Contact us, mail a check, or donate safely online at our website: www.greenaction.org

Sunday May 1st, 2011, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

Join the First Annual Greenaction Walk-a-thon for Environmental Justice!

Registration will be at 10:30am at McLaren Lodge at the entrance of Golden Gate Park (on Stanyan, between Fell St. and Kezar Dr.) and the event will begin at 11:00am.

Get your friends, family, classmates and co-workers to walk or sponsor a walker to help raise much-needed funds for Greenaction's work.

We need your support to keep fighting polluters and their friends in government!

For more information, email walkathon@greenaction.org
or visit www.greenaction.givezooks.com to register/donate.

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The Struggle Continues in Kettleman City

Ignoring the birth defects and infant deaths in this polluted town, government agencies are now trying to increase pollution in and near Kettleman City. Greenaction and residents are fighting local, state and federal agencies that are approving the massive Avenal fossil fuel power plant project proposed just a few miles away. We are demanding that the government bring in clean, uncontaminated drinking water to replace the arsenic contaminated water that residents have been drinking for decades.

We expect the Valley Air District and State Department of Toxics/Cal EPA to attempt to issue permits for the proposed expansion of the Chemical Waste Management toxic waste dump despite the recent and chronic violations by the company, including years of failing to do required monitoring and improper disposal of PCBs, a highly toxic and banned chemical.

Greenaction, Kettleman City community groups and allies are prepared to fight the proposed dump expansion until we win!

Take Action to Help Save the Glen Cove Native American Burial & Shellmound Site in Vallejo, CA!

Greenaction is working with Native Americans and allies in the fight against the City of Vallejo, California's plans that would destroy and desecrate an ancient burial, village and shellmound site. Glen Cove is located along the Carquinez Straits, and is a culturally significant site with sacred significance for Native Peoples. Call or email Mayor Davis and urge him to protect the Glen Cove burial site:

(707) 648-4377 mayor@ci.vallejo.ca.us

Fighting Incinerators Disguised as Renewable Energy Across the US and World!

From California communities including the Salinas Valley and Los Angeles, to New Orleans, Florida, Wisconsin, Oregon, South Carolina and Native Nations to communities around the world, we are helping communities learn about a new generation of polluting waste incinerators that are being falsely promoted as clean, renewable energy and recycling projects. We estimate there are about 200 plasma arc, pyrolysis and gasification proposals in the US today, many based on untrue claims such as "zero emissions" and inflated claims of how much (if any) energy can be generated. These technologies heat the garbage or other wastes, creating "syngas" that is then burned, releasing toxic and other pollution into the air.

Greenaction's Director Bradley Angel went to the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin at the Tribe's invitation to educate them on dangers from a proposed pyrolysis incinerator project on tribal lands. We are also helping lead a big battle against a proposed plasma arc incinerator in Gonzales, in California's Salinas Valley.

Fighting for Health, Housing and Jobs in Bayview Hunters Point

Greenaction and POWER filed a lawsuit against the City of San Francisco for their improper approval of Lennar Corporation's development plans on toxic land at the former Hunters Point Shipyard site. We want a full cleanup of the toxic and radioactive mess, and enforceable guarantees that the community will get the jobs and housing that have been promised by the City and Lennar. The new public housing should be built right away, as it would not be on toxic land and is not affected by our lawsuit.



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