

**For the CALFED EJ listserve from community activist Jane Williams regarding the Zeneca site cleanup efforts in Richmond, CA. Please see attached letter / testimony from last week's legislative hearing on this matter.**

Dear Colleagues,

The SF Regional Water Board announced today that it will be ceding authority over the Zeneca site to the Department of Toxic Substance Control. Now the community must begin to prepare for the very real issues of how best to remediate the site without re-exposing the people around it to the toxic legacy it has left.

This unprecedented change in oversight from California Environmental Protection Agency, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board to Cal EPA, Department of Toxic Substances Control could not have been possible without the extraordinary effort and focus of our local California Assemblywoman Loni Hancock and Assemblywoman Cindy Montanez. Their dedication and support in keeping communities safe and arranging for a public hearing allowed us to be heard.

Over 150 people attended the hearing on Saturday and most were angry at the activities at the Zeneca site which had contaminated the people near the site with blowing toxic dust and fumes from the former chemical manufacturing site.

Thank you to all who have followed this issue and who care about environmental justice and the real people living next to this sites. I attach the testimony of one of the group leaders from the site.

For Environmental Justice,

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