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Clerk of the Board Don Brown and whom it may concern,

Please accept this email as public comment in support of adopting:

**CASE # R2024-017PC**

**Proposed Clean Car and Truck Standards**

**Proposed Section 35 III, Admin Code 242**

I reside in Cook County, within the Village of Lemont.

- As stated in the declaration of independence:  
We have fundamental rights including the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

**Every Illinois resident should be entitled to breathing clean air as a right to life, liberty, and their own pursuit of happiness!**

My family, community, and the environment do not deserve to continuously be exposed to toxic exhaust emissions!

**This topic literally hits close to home for me.**

After moving into our current residence on 11/2021, our village decided it was in their "2030 comprehensive plan" to allow development of a petroleum gas and diesel fill station directly across the street from our property.

The parcels were village owned, vacant land, and included a diverse habitat for multiple species of wildlife.

All of my concerns for the safety, health and welfare of my family, our community, neighbors, the environment, etc. pre-construction, during construction, and every time I called the Lemont Police Department and Gas'N'Wash gas station to report violations including OSHA/1926 construction standards, Village of Lemont's Code of Ordinance, Title 15, and [625 ILCS 5/11-1429](#) have fallen on deaf ears.

- Below are video recordings on the Village of Lemont website capturing my specific testimony of the concerns, sworn in under oath, and should be strongly

considered when voting on:

**CASE # R2024-017**

Please take a few moments and watch them as time permits.

June 22, 2022

[Planning and Zoning Commission](#) <-----LINK  
151:40 - Concerns Expressed, Pesavento

July 6, 2022

[Planning and Zoning Commission](#) <-----LINK  
344:45 - Concerns Expressed, Pesavento

July 10, 2024

[Planning and Zoning Commission](#) <-----LINK  
19:30 - Concerns Expressed, Pesavento

This is happening directly across the street from our home, less than 150ft. from our bedroom windows, less than 100ft. from our private well, and not a single responsible party will provide us relief!

- Please also consider this information regarding **Proposed Clean Car and Truck Standards**

The following have been contacted, with complaints filed and documented, yet nothing has been done!

My family and the environment continue to be contaminated!

**Literally every single day and every single night!**

Illinois EPA:

3/21/25

Cook County Environment and Sustainability:

3/21/25

Village of Lemont Chief of Police:

3/5/25

Village of Lemont Administrator:

2/24/25

Village of Lemont Attorney:

2/12/25

Village of Lemont Police Sergeant:

1/24/25

Cook County Sheriff's Office:

1/22/25

Village of Lemont Code Enforcement Officer:

1/21/25

Gas'N'Wash Corporate Office:

12/17/24

Gas'N'Wash Business Manager:

12/13/24

Village of Lemont Police Department:

12/12/24

There is literally nothing more a person can do to extinguish the pollution and stop this unlawful act of chaos!

**Yet, it continues to happen and should provide evidence as to the need for Illinois adopting a new standard!**

- We cannot even open the windows in our own home due to every party listed above allowing the air/noise pollution to habitually occur every single day/night.

I, my wife, our two (2) young children + newborn infant, our community, and the state of Illinois are in constant danger!

Many of us are unknowingly being exposed well beyond the PEL (personal exposure limit) standards for benzene!

**A CLASSIFIED KNOWN HUMAN CARCINOGEN by EPA, IARC, ACS, etc.**

In 1948 the [American Petroleum Institute](#) (API) stated that "the only absolutely safe concentration for benzene is zero"

**The #1 most effective way to hazard removal is elimination.**

- These nuisances have a significant impact on everyone's quality of life and literally cause us personally to be prisoners in our own house!
- My children cannot enjoy the innocence of playing outside on our property without being exposed to diesel exhaust particulate.

- **Recent images sent to key stake holders show our turmoil and the same tractor trailer:**

**Illegally parked and illegally idling in the same spot for 36 HOURS!!**

**3/14/25 @ 7:51p.m. through 3/16/25 @ 7:12a.m.**

**Directly across the street (approx. 150 ft.) from our residence and bedroom windows.**

Insanity is doing the same thing over and over while expecting a different outcome.

- My real-life public comment submitted should hold more than enough merit for any reasonable person to clearly see:

**IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE**

I sincerely thank you for your time and allowing me to submit this electronic filing!

-Jon Pesavento

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