

Guy, Jeff

From: Amy Genender <amypea@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 6:44 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: [External] General Iron is releasing harmful VOCs at night

Dear EPA,

General Iron has repeatedly violated numerous environmental laws. Despite this, they have donated money to the right politicians election campaigns and evaded enforcement for many years. At night, between the hours of 11pm and 6am they are releasing large quantities of harmful gases. Please protect the citizens of Lincoln Park and Bucktown from this repeated harm. We are getting sick and nobody is enforcing the laws.

Regards,
Amy Feltheimer

Guy, Jeff

From: Mark Velez <mvelez1287@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Guy, Jeff
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: Re: [External] General Iron Hearing - East Side Chicago

Hi Jeff,

Is there a video feed or strictly audio? Ideally I will tune in via computer and call via cell phone. (773) 550-3873

Also, I have concerns with the long password. Is there any way to shorten or remove it? Elderly residents would most likely be calling in via landline or cell phone and the long password seems like it will cause issues.

Thanks,

Mark

On Tue, Apr 21, 2020 at 10:21 AM Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good morning Mark,

If you wish to speak during the hearing, there are two available hearing sessions (see attached public notice). Just let me know which session/time works best for you. Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing. Also, please let me know if you will be joining the hearing by computer, smartphone, or a landline phone.

I will also add your contact information to the mailing list.

Jeffrey J. Guy

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Mark Velez <mvelez1287@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 6:03 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron Hearing - East Side Chicago

Hi Jeff,

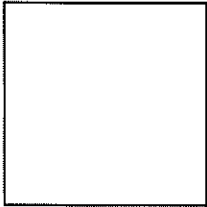
I would like to make a comment at the General Iron hearing on May 14, 2020.

I'm a lifelong resident of Chicago's East Side neighborhood and I've had 3 relatives die from cancer in the last 2 years alone. I along with every other resident of the East Side am opposed to General Iron moving into our community. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak.

Thank you,

Mark Velez
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773-550-3873



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Guy, Jeff

From: Frost, Brad
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:14 PM
To: Kim, John J.
Cc: Nifong, Heather; Armitage, Julie; Pressnall, Chris; Guy, Jeff
Subject: FW: [External] General III Public Hearing

John,

See below e-mail from Keith Harley. The letter will become part of the hearing record. Chris and I will prepare a response and supply instructions on how to participate. To date we have received 4 requests to comment, seemingly all from the general public, and no other inquiries about format.

Brad

From: Harley, Keith <kharley@kentlaw.iit.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:23 PM
To: Frost, Brad <Brad.Frost@Illinois.gov>; Pressnall, Chris <Chris.Pressnall@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Peggy Salazar <peggy_setf@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: [External] General III Public Hearing

Hi -

Please be advised that I represent the Southeast Environmental Task Force. As you know, SETF and its community partners have placed the highest priority on public participation in IL EPA permitting transactions related to the General III facility, which would be co-located with several existing, related facilities at 11600 S. Burley in southeast Chicago.

SETF prides itself on being a responsible community partner with IL EPA when, as in the present case, it requests public participation. Specifically, SETF has played a central role in publicizing and facilitating public hearings with IL EPA over a 25+ year period. Even when it disagrees with IL EPA, SETF has been a good faith partner with IL EPA because its interests in public participation align with the Agency.

Unfortunately, SETF believes IL EPA's proposed virtual hearing for the General III air construction permit will not be successful. SETF cannot remedy the problems it foresees. It's concerned that large segments of the public will not be heard as part of this important permitting process.

Neither SETF's members nor other local residents have participated in this type of hearing. Many do not have the technology and/or technical capability to participate. SETF cannot provide training to remedy this problem because its office is closed and its leadership, members and local residents are required to be distant from one another. As a small non-profit, SETF is experiencing almost insurmountable complications to continue functioning, let alone to mount a major campaign to facilitate public participation in an unfamiliar venue.

Under these circumstances, SETF is concerned that a public hearing will suppress public participation, effectively exclude many potentially affected residents and skew the public record in favor of more sophisticated participants who may not represent community members and their interests. Even though I will prepare written comments on behalf of SETF, this is not a surrogate for the testimony of the full range of local residents who would participate in a traditional public hearing.

SETF acknowledges that you and other IL EPA personnel are working under very difficult circumstances due to the pandemic. Having said this, the legislators who mandated intractable permit decision deadlines were not contemplating a pandemic. Surely, the permit applicant wouldn't want to foreclose public participation or gain any advantage by virtue of a pandemic that no one could foresee. SETF believes there should be a moratorium on further permit proceedings in this case until the Governor concludes Illinois can return to in-person social interactions.

- Keith Harley

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:44 AM
To: Thomas Ward
Subject: RE: [External] Registering to Speak at May 14 Hearing on General Iron

Thank you Mr. Ward.

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Thomas Ward <tinsward@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:26 AM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Registering to Speak at May 14 Hearing on General Iron

Jeff

THANK YOU for the quick response. I will not be speaking, but will say that if they pollute down there like they have up here I am opposed.

On Friday, May 8, 2020, 09:20:06 AM CDT, Guy, Jeff <jeff.guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Ward,

Thank you sharing your concerns. The public hearing on May 14 is related to construction of a proposed new facility to be located at 11600 South Burley Avenue, not the existing plant on North Clifton. I have attached the Public Notice.

If you still wish to speak at the hearing on May 14, there are two available sessions (1:30 PM and 6:00 PM). Instructions on how to access the hearing are provided in the attached Public Notice. **Please let me know which session works best for you.** Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Thomas Ward <tinsward@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:54 AM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Registering to Speak at May 14 Hearing on General Iron

Jeff

I oppose General Iron from continuing to operate. The pollutants that they have littered the neighborhood with is unimaginable and visible. Just walk down Clybourn and you can see of the debris on the sidewalk cracks that looks like insulation fibers from shredded refrigerators. I can't imagine what has been thrown into the air miles away.

JUST SAY NO!

Tom Ward

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:11 AM
To: John Ashenden
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: RE: [External] Registering to Speak at May 14 Hearing on General Iron
Attachments: General III, LLC Public Notice.pdf

Good morning John,

Thank you for your interest in providing public comments. A virtual public hearing is scheduled this Thursday with two sessions (see attachment). Would you like to register to provide statements during the hearing? If so, please let me know which session (1:30 pm or 6:00 pm).

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy
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-----Original Message-----

From: John Ashenden <johnashenden@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:11 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Registering to Speak at May 14 Hearing on General Iron

General Iron has been a ruthless & politically powerful polluter in my neighborhood since early 1990s. Please try to stop them!

Sent from my iPhone

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:09 PM
To: Haley McKeever
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron Permit
Attachments: Public Notice.pdf

Good afternoon Ms. McKeever,

I will include your email comments as an exhibit with the official hearing record. On Thursday, May 14, 2020, the Illinois EPA is hosting a virtual public hearing (see attachment) and it is optional for you to provide oral statements as well.

If you wish to speak during the hearing this Thursday, there are two available sessions (1:30 pm CST and 6:00 pm CST) as found in the attached public notice. If you intend to speak, please let me know which session works best for you. Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing. I will also add your contact information to the mailing list.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Haley McKeever <hmeliza97@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:07 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron Permit

Hello,

I am emailing about General Iron moving to the East Side in Chicago. I am a Chicago resident, living in Belmont Cragin. I am concerned because firstly, General Iron is attempting to move forward without the proper permits, and secondly, because having a scrap yard with poor quality air emissions in a family neighborhood near a park and an elementary school is unacceptable and dangerous. That area of Chicago is populated by mostly black Americans who have historically been victims of environmental racism, and this would be a continuation of that. A scrap yard that will harm children's health damages a community for generations.

Please think of the safety and health of the children of Chicago and of the community's desire to control what happens in their own city.

Thank you
Haley McKeever

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:13 PM
To: Emma Cullnan
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: RE: [External] Moving of General Iron site comment
Attachments: Public Notice.pdf

Good afternoon Ms. Cullnan,

Thank you for your comments, which I will include as an exhibit with the official hearing record. On Thursday, May 14, 2020, the Illinois EPA is hosting a virtual public hearing (see attachment) and it is optional for you to provide oral statements as well.

If you wish to speak during the hearing this Thursday, there are two available sessions (1:30 pm CST and 6:00 pm CST) as found in the attached public notice. If you intend to speak, please let me know which session works best for you. Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing. I will also add your contact information to the mailing list.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Emma Cullnan <ecullnan@knox.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Moving of General Iron site comment

It is unethical to respond to primarily white wealthy Chicagoans' protests of air pollution in their neighborhood by moving the cause of pollution to a lower-income primarily brown and black community. This is the definition of environmental racism. Considering the PR nightmare Hillco just created for themselves with the Little Village smokestack demolition, General Iron should abandon their moving plans immediately. The public's interest surrounding pollution (and who creates it) in the time of COVID-19 is high, will only increase, and will not be forgotten after the pandemic is over. Do not permanently brand your corporation as a racist one. Do not contribute to people's suffering for your personal profit. Do not go through with this move.

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:38 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: FW: [External] General Iron Hearing

-----Original Message-----

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:35 AM
To: Andrew Del Giudice <delgiudice95@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron Hearing

Thank you Mr. Del Giudice. I have you registered for the 6pm session.

Jeffrey J. Guy
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-----Original Message-----

From: Andrew Del Giudice <delgiudice95@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:29 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] General Iron Hearing

Awesome!

And the 6pm session works best for me, thank you very much!

Andrew Del Giudice

> On May 12, 2020, at 3:34 PM, Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

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> Good afternoon Mr. Del Giudice,

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> I encourage you to provide your comments during the hearing on Thursday, May 14, 2020. There are two available sessions (1:30 pm CST and 6:00 pm CST) as found in the attached public notice. Please let me know which session works best for you. Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing. I will also add your contact information to the mailing list.

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> Thank you,

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> Jeffrey J. Guy

> Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Office of

> Community Relations

> (217) 785-8724

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Andrew Del Giudice <delgiudice95@gmail.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:32 PM

> To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>

> Subject: [External] General Iron Hearing

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> Sir,

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> I would just like you to know that General Iron supports the most economically vulnerable immigrant communities and provide a means of employment (going through alley ways scrapping metal) for the a lot of people who cannot afford to be out of work, and who might not be eligible for state unemployment benefits and/or economic stimulus relief.

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> If needed, I would be more than willing to comment on Thursday's General Iron meeting.

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> Very respectfully,

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> Andrew Del Giudice

> 773-712-6166

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> <Public Notice.pdf>

Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Terry Herlihy Chicago
Cc: csadel1@aol.com; susannacampbell@live.com
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron comment for both hearings

Terry,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit for the General Iron record.

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Terry Herlihy Chicago <terrismc2@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:46 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Cc: csadel1@aol.com; susannacampbell@live.com
Subject: [External] General Iron comment for both hearings

Illinois EPA,
attn: Jeff Guy,

I was a construction manager for the Fisk Alteration Project in the 1960s which was the conversion of a six boiler plant to a double one. I trusted the EPA to be completely scientific in their requirements for that project. The plant was designed to burn Illinois coal and the scrubbers were designed for it. At some point the source of coal was switched to Montana and the scrubbers couldn't remove the nitrous and sulfur oxides. Instead of switching back to Illinois coal or a similar type the EPA ordered that trainloads of sulfuric acid be sprayed on the clean coal to turn it into the equivalent of Illinois coal. The Illinois coal miners were all well paid union workers and the Montana mines were strip mines with the only worker the driver of a \$30,000,000 machine.

I read the low emission measurements reported for General Iron's current location which reminded me of the Sterogenics emissions in Williwobrook that were under the EPA limits but the limits were drastically lowered to make them in violation.

I remember that when I was project manager for a wastewater treatment plant for the GAF paper mill in Joliet we had to accelerate the construction of the concrete work because the delivery of some pipes and valves were delayed by the Nixon cost controls. We just barely stopped an EPA shutdown. On June 25th, 2018 the 9th District Court ruled that global warming was caused

by deforestation more than burning fossil fuel and added that EPA was in charge of co2 emission controls.

I checked Section 7651.n of the Clean Air Act and it said EPA only regulates sulfur dioxide or oxides of nitrogen so what is Illinois Basics doing in Decatur capturing co2 at a cost of \$1000 a short ton when, according to How to Make Money Growing Trees says that growing trees including land, labor and saplings captures co2 at a cost of \$4.93 per short ton of co2?

General Iron at its current location and proposed location is not a source of many unhealthy emissions and should be directed to keep up the good work.

Terry Herlihy 2024 W. Potomac Ave. Chicago 60622-3152 773-316-4314

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:53 AM
To: Nicolette Cooke
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron
Attachments: Public Notice.pdf

Categories: Entered and Added

Good morning,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit in the official hearing record. I also encourage you to provide your comments during today's public hearing. Although the last day to register to speak was Tuesday, we should be able to work you in - if you want to speak. There are two available sessions (1:30 pm and 6:00 pm) as found in the attached public notice. **If you wish to provided comments today, please let me know as soon as possible which session works best for you.**

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Nicolette Cooke <nicolettedcooke@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:21 AM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

As someone who is strongly against the new proposed site, I'm curious

- how is this safe within such close proximity to schools and parks? (IE Washington, Rowan)
- clearly, issues in past with 2016 city shut down. So an affluent neighborhood is able to show how General Iron is not suitable for their neighborhood so it's ok to move to another neighborhood near parks and schools?

Thanks,

Nicolette

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Pastor Richard L. Martinez, Jr.
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: RE: [External] Air Permit application for General Iron
Attachments: Public Notice.pdf

Good morning Pastor Martinez,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit as part of the official hearing record. Also, a public hearing will be held today. If you have an interest to provide oral comments during today's hearing, please let me know. There are two available sessions (1:30 pm and 6:00 pm) as found in the attached public notice.

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Pastor Richard L. Martinez, Jr. <martinez10thward@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Air Permit application for General Iron

Good Afternoon Jeff,

We are sending this communication to the IEPA to request that the Air Permit application for General Iron in Chicago's Southeast side, not be approved. We are communicating to IEPA on behalf of our ministry, our family, as property owners and on behalf of the residents and families of Chicago's Southeast side.

The Southeast side of Chicago making up several neighborhoods in Chicago's 10th Ward, has been battling polluters and bad industrial neighbors for many years. While we support **positive** economic development in our community we are in opposition to any industry that contributes to or exacerbates the negative health issues in our community. Chicago's Southeast side has some of the highest rates of cancer, asthma and other severe respiratory ailments in the city of Chicago.

The most vulnerable in our community, seniors and children, have been negatively impacted the most by these issues in our community.

Over the last ten years especially, the Southeast side has successfully opposed a coal-gasification plant, expansion of landfills and conveyors and purveyors of petroleum coke ("petcoke"). The community has worked together to even file class action lawsuits against some of the largest polluters in our community such as Koch Bros. (KCBX) and British Petroleum (BP). Our community has not always been able to depend on our local elected officials to protect our community so we have had to advocate on behalf of ourselves to have additional air monitors installed amongst other protections.

Our community collaborated to create the "**Environmental Justice Principles**" for the greater Southeast side community (see attached): This proposed project by General Iron, **violates** our Environmental justice principles adopted by the community at large. In addition, attached are the list of complaints against General Iron from their previous location in Chicago. In that community, General Iron proved to be a bad neighbor, so much so that their Alderman and community pushed for them to leave their ward. We do not believe that General Iron's functions and behavior at their former community will change. Based upon these many reasons, we strongly urge, advocating on behalf of our greater community, that this air permit application for this company and for this proposed location, be **denied**.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any additional questions.

Thank you and God Bless,

 EJ Alliance Development Principles Final.pdf

 Summary of General II inspection report issues....

 Gen II operations-summary.xlsx

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Richard L. Martinez, Jr.
Pastor
Nehemiah Family Fellowship Church
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Southeast Chicago Environmental Justice Principles

Greater Southeast Chicago has the potential to be a hub for post-industrial innovation and community based revival for a new industrial revolution that includes clean energy and green jobs. This document acts as a follow up to the Calumet Area Land Use Plan, Millennium Reserve Vision, and Calumet Area Vision, while integrating principles of environmental justice developed by USEPA. **We call on local elected officials, community leaders and business partners to be educated on the fundamentals of environmental justice and advocate for sustainable development in our community based on the following principles:**

ENVIRONMENTAL

- **Anticipation and preventions of potential environmental degradation:** The response of the past - "react and cure"- has proved to be economically, socially and environmentally expensive. We have had to fix problems after they occur through pollution control and regulation. We need to shift to a philosophy which "anticipates and prevents" environmental degradation at the planning stages of our development projects (USEPA Principles of Sustainability)
- **Respect for nature and the rights of future generations:** Our economy depends not only on the continued flow of resources but also on the protection and enhancement of ecosystems and habitats. The decision-making process must consider not only today's needs, but the needs of future generations by ensuring that a long enough horizon is used in the evaluation process (USEPA Principles of Sustainability)
- **Maximize conservation and develop local renewable resources:** Maximize the use of conservation technology and practices, reduce the use of non-renewable resources, and develop local renewable energy, water and material resources while also promoting energy and resource efficiency
- **Protect, preserve and restore the natural environment:** Acknowledge that undisturbed natural beauty enriches and that the natural environment is basic for a health world, a healthy economy and a healthy society
- **Healthy communities:** Sustainable development in our communities for air, water, and land. Clean development in our communities will keep our air and water clean while creating local family-sustaining jobs and economic prosperity through organized labor, job training programs and community partnerships

JUSTICE (per U.S. Executive Order 12898)

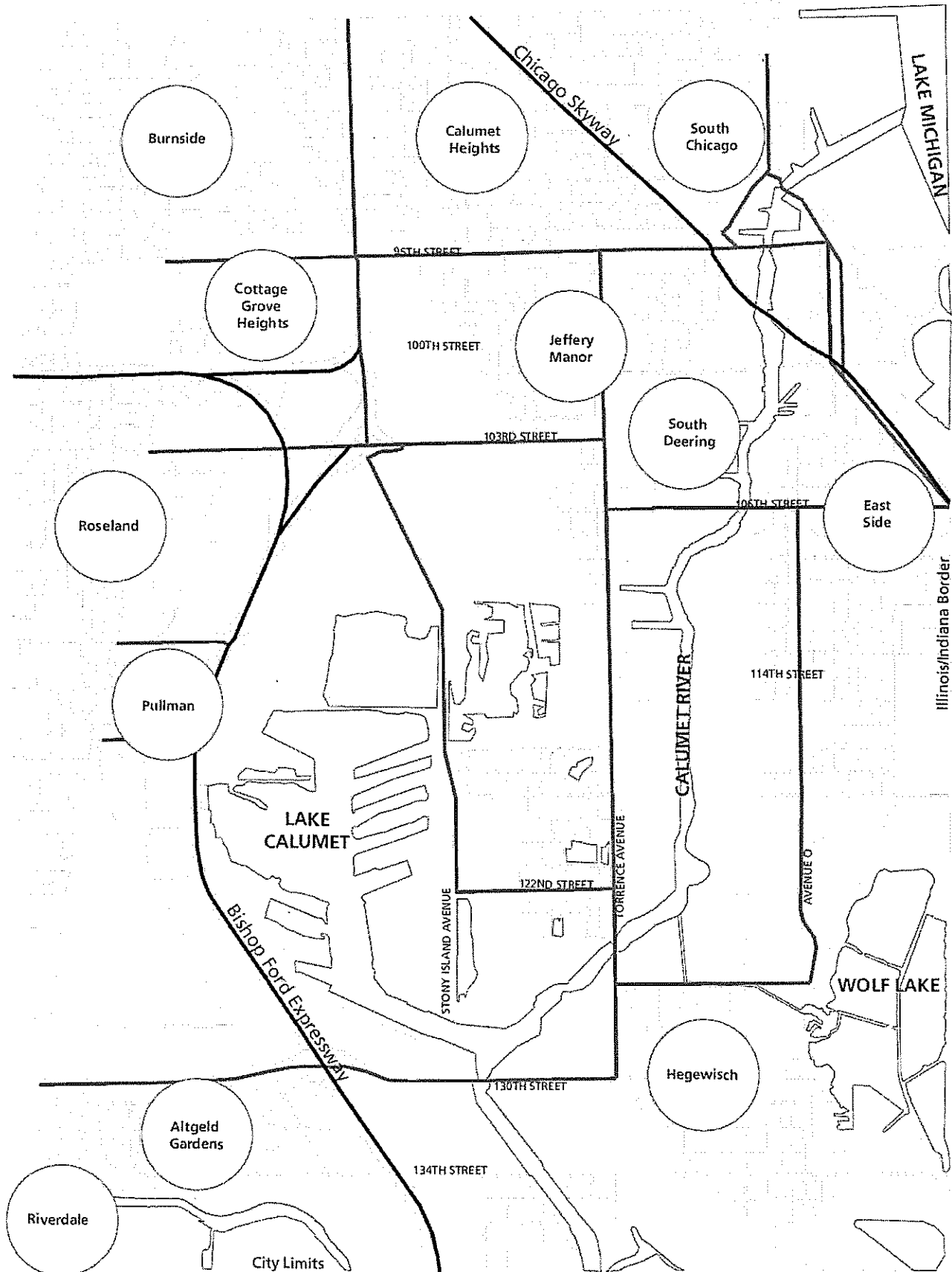
- **Integrate considerations of economic development with environmental justice:** Executive Order 12898 defines Environmental Justice as: *"The fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Fair treatment means that no group of people, including racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic group should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations or the execution of federal, state, local, and tribal programs and policies"*
- **Low income communities and communities of color:** Low income communities and communities of color suffer disproportionately from the effects of dirty industry; we have an obligation to reduce the harm caused by industry, especially in these communities
- **Economic opportunity for community residents and local businesses:** Residents should have the right to obtain jobs and contracts from the industry that resides in their community and local businesses should prosper

ALLIANCE

- **Community Participation:** Decisions about industry should be transparent and *require* community participation in the decision making process. Community members have a right to be partners in decisions about industry in their community
- **Equitable benefits:** Any industry entering this area must negotiate a community benefits agreement with the community. A community benefits agreement, or CBA, is a private contract between a developer and a community coalition that sets forth the benefits that the community will receive from the development. Common benefits include living wages, local hiring and training programs, affordable housing, environmental remediation and funds for community programs. CBAs ensure that development is equitable and benefits *all* members of the community, eventually contributing to stronger local economies, livable neighborhoods and increased public participation in the planning process.

Map of Neighborhoods included in Greater Southeast Chicago

Photo Source: Calumet Land Use Plan



Summary of General II inspection report issues:**NOVs & complaints***Notices of violation*

- Gen II has been issued ~25 notices of violation since 2008. 17 of those NOVs have been issued since December 2019
- Many of the recent Notices of Violation were related to fugitive emissions or smoke leaving the shredder, and many have cited failure to suppress dust. Several have also been issued for nuisance and strong odors have been observed.
- NOVs were issued as recently as 3/26/2020. Several of the hearing dates are for 7/9/2020, one was 4/30/2020, and several had a hearing date of 3/26/2020.

Commented [KH1]: Was the March hearing held?

Complaints

- The inspection reports document around 100 complaints since 2006, many of which were issued in 2019 and 2020 related to strong odors and air pollution around the facility

Noteworthy quotes from inspection reports

- Describing odor around the facility: "It is a pungent odor of sweet, burning metal that burns my nostrils and makes it uncomfortable and difficult for me to fully inhale. It is the same odor observed onsite." 3/26/2020, ID d11152408; "Odors of a sweet smelling chemicals and metals were observed. It burned and inflamed my nostrils to the point of throbbing inside my nostrils." 8/1/19, 9495131
- Unclear whether inspector or complainant noted: "It is a constant health hazard." 3/20/20, 11124169
- Inspector "spoke to Jim and he informed me that there was an explosion in the shredder during the morning hours between 7:30AM - 7:40 AM. He said this is a common occurrence." 2/11/2020, ID 10929879 (issued NOVs)
- Inspector observed exhaust emissions "due to the constant in/out truck traffic." 2/10/17, 2380409
- "Being able to observe emissions escaping the shredder leads me to believe that the equipment capturing the emissions is insufficient. Consequently, this does not allow the recently installed air pollution control equipment to remove the emissions since they are escaping at the shredder before the treatment process." 1/23/20, 10836335
- "Observing auto fluff in the public way and fugitive dust without operating misting cannons leads me to believe that reasonable measurements were not and are not being taken to ensure dust, debris, and dirt won't migrate off site and into the public way." 1/7/20, 10746578
- When discussing dust controls with General Iron safety manager Jeff Jones, inspector noted: "The facility operates almost continuously and some debris will migrate despite best efforts, according to Jones." 6/28/19, 9203598

Operations & issues documented in inspection reports*Shredder*

- Numerous instances of "untreated emissions" observed escaping the top and sides of the shredder, including black smoke
- Shredder has a hood but is not fully enclosed
- Inspector believes some emissions escape the shredder before the treatment process, making RTO and scrubber ineffective for these untreated emissions
- There have been explosions in the shredder & other malfunctions

Vehicle emissions

- A few times in 2017, inspectors noted exhaust emissions

Dust control

- Many instances where misting cannons were observed not operated despite presence of fugitive dust in recent years; a few instances where water truck was observed not to be in use
- Observations in winter that misting cannons cannot be used when it is freezing

Fugitive dust

- Auto fluff has been observed on other properties and across the river, in 2020 and as far back as 2012
- Many instances where fugitive dust was visible from dry material piles
- Trucks have been observed to kick up dust
- Dry debris brought in by trucks can result in dust
- Gen II has had issues with dust around the dumpster for the wire shred line, including documented instances in leaks around this equipment in the past
- Other observations of windborne material and lack of barriers to prevent the material from blowing off the facility grounds

Paving

- Facility had paving issues in 2015-2017 that took a long time to remedy despite many inspections & discussions of how to fix these issues

Conveyor

- Plastic flaps along the conveyor have also been defect at various times leading to material to bounce out and enter the river

Safety issues

- Gen II has had several warnings about how to properly store pressure vessels and has repeatedly done this incorrectly
- Inspector noted dangerous storage of fuel, explosive materials, propane tanks, exposed batteries, etc. in 2010 inspections
- There have been fires at the facility, including a truck fire in 2019, and 2 fires in 2015, one caused by spontaneous combustion of a materials pile and one caused by a fire in a trailer

Other defects

- Inspectors have noted many issues at Gen II that may amount to permit violations even though NOVs were not issued at the time. For example, in 2016 inspector gave warning about permit violation related to perimeter fencing. Other observed deficiencies may also amount to permit violations

Could consider additional research and/or public records request to get more information on:

- inspection photos
- NOVs
- complaints
- reference to reporter Hannah Alani asking questions in Dec. 2019
- inspection notes in 2019 that "investigation of General Iron is ongoing"
- EPA testing -- e.g., on 12/2/19, Jim said EPA did emission testing about two weeks ago for metals, particulate, VOCs, SO₂, CO, HCL, and HF; would inform when they receive results"
- other testing -- e.g., in Nov. 2019, plant is scheduled for the stack test in Dec. 2019, CDPH will witness this procedure; another entry: In November will conduct stack test of RTO and wet scrubber new system installed recently, CDPH will witness testing
- air monitoring -- abnormal VOC levels from air monitors placed on 8/1/19
- July 8, 2019 reference to Alderman letter & complaints sent to IEPA -- The complainant was contacted and informed me that they live in the neighborhood and there is dirt and dust covering the entire neighborhood. She said the EPA knows that it is general iron is the cause. She informed me that Alderman brian hopkins of the 2nd ward sent a letter to the ward neighborhood regarding the renewal of the CDPH operating permit. The letter seems to encourage residents to continue to file their complaints to 311 if they hear, smell, or see anything from General Iron.
- Noise survey conducted in January 2018 -- includes info on operating hours, noise levels, vibration levels, sources of noise (e.g. visiting trucks) & time of operating various pieces of equipment; see ID 1204508, 1196715, 1191043, 1191042
- documenting odors -- all the intersections where odors were observed; how far is that from facility?
- complaint investigation & follow up P2 inspection -- for results images see service request 600667021 resulted on 6/28/19 reinspection during initial startup and scrubber and stack testing will be conducted at end of July 2019 (6/28/19, 1415415)

<u>inspectio n ID</u>	<u>Date of inspection</u>	<u>NOV #</u>	<u>citations</u>	<u>description of issues</u>	<u>hearing date</u>
11152408	3/26/2020	E000034395	11-4-730 (air pollution prohibited); 7-28-080 (nuisance in connection with a business)	observed untreated emissions coming from shredder, misting cannons not in operation, odors	7/9/2020
11124169	3/20/2020	E000034390	air pollution prohibited (11-4-730) and handling of material susceptible to becoming windborne (11-4-760[A]); violating any condition imposed by the permit (11-4-030[B]) special condition 46 which requires the permittee to control and suppress dust and other materials to prevent off-site migration and nuisance in connection with business (7-28-080).	observed untreated emissions coming from shredder, black smoke periodically escaping the shredder, odor, auto fluff at various intersections, misting cannons not in operation	7/9/2020
10929879	2/11/2020	E000034391		odors and smoke leaving the shredder and traveling through the property across the North Branch Chicago River, auto fluff on property directly southwest and across the North Branch Chicago River, misting cannons were not in operation, fugitive dust when workers disturbed material piles, explosion in shredder that morning, Jim said this is a common occurrence	7/9/2020
		E000034400	air pollution prohibited (11-4-730) and handling of material susceptible to becoming windborne (11-4-760[A]) violating any condition imposed by the permit (11-4-030[B]) special condition 46 which requires the permittee to control and suppress dust and other materials to prevent off-site migration and nuisance in connection with business (7-28-080).		7/9/2020
		E000034577	air pollution prohibited (11-4-730) and nuisance in connection with business (7-28-080). Hearing 4/30/20		7/9/2020
10881195	1/31/2020	E000035590	air pollution prohibited (11-4-730). Hearing 3/26/20	odors, untreated emissions were observed escaping the top and side of the shredder	4/30/2020
10836335	1/23/2020	E000035587	air pollution prohibited (11-4-730) and handling of material susceptible to becoming windborne (11-4-760[A])	pollution - fugitive emissions from shredder	3/26/2020
10767158	1/10/2020	E000035577	for violating any condition imposed by the permit (11-4-030[B]) special condition 46 which requires the permittee to control and suppress dust and other materials to prevent off-site migration. hearing 3/26/20	pollution & dust - failure to use dust controls, ASR, fugitive emissions from shredder	3/26/2020
		E000035578	air pollution prohibited (11-4-730) and handling of material susceptible to becoming windborne (11-4-760[A])	see also entry 10746578, 1/7/2020 for more description re same NOV's	3/26/2020
10716915	12/31/2019	E000034122	violating any condition imposed by the permit (11-4-030[B]) special condition 46 which requires the permittee to control and suppress dust and other materials to prevent off-site migration. hearing 3/26/20	pollution & dust - failure to use dust controls, ASR, fugitive emissions from shredder	3/26/2020
		E000034123			3/26/2020
10708652	12/29/2019	E000034116	air pollution prohibited (11-4-760[A]); for violating any condition imposed by permit (11-4-030[B][2]) special condition 46. hearing 3/26/20	pollution - fugitive emissions from shredder, failure to use dust controls	3/26/2020
		E000034117	air pollution prohibited (11-4-730) and handling of material susceptible to becoming windborne (11-4-760[A]); for violating any condition imposed by permit (11-4-030[B][2]) special condition 46 which requires permittee to control and suppress dust and other materials to prevent offsite migration. 3/26/20 hearing	pollution & dust - failure to use dust controls, fugitive dust, fugitive emissions	3/26/2020
10706274	12/27/2019	E000034120	for air pollution prohibited (11-4-730) and handling of material susceptible to becoming windborne (11-4-760[A]); for violating any condition imposed by the permit (11-4-030[B]) special condition 46 which requires the permittee to control and suppress dust and other materials to prevent off-site migration. hearing 3/26	pollution & dust - failure to use dust controls, fugitive dust, fugitive emissions	3/26/2020
		E000034121	for 11-4-030[B](2) operating facility w/o permit or authorization, violations include failure to comply with special condition #40 of the site's permit, backfilling holes with proper material, as based on the observation of standing liquid throughout site, and 11-4-030[B] for failure to comply w/ special condition #42 of permit, requiring utilizing filters on site catch basins;		3/26/2020
1494955	12/18/2019	E000034125	for violating any condition imposed by the permit (11-4-030[B]) special condition 46 which requires the permittee to control and suppress dust and other materials to prevent off-site migration. hearing 3/26	pollution & dust - failure to use dust controls, fugitive dust, fugitive emissions	3/26/2020
		E000035576	for 11-4-030[B](2) operating facility w/o permit or authorization, violations include failure to comply with special condition #40 of the site's permit, backfilling holes with proper material, as based on the observation of standing liquid throughout site, and 11-4-030[B] for failure to comply w/ special condition #42 of permit, requiring utilizing filters on site catch basins;		3/26/2020
9424301	7/24/2019	E000033795	for conditions detrimental to health public nuisance by allowing storage of multiple tires on site containing standing liquid.	in response to 311 complaint at 7500 S ashland Ave, SG Auto - site personnel are spilling gasoline on the ground allowing auto fluids to enter the sewer drain, contaminating the ground soil [water/soil contamination] Upon inspection of three on-site catch basins, CDPH personnel observed that at least one filter was torn and one other was not installed at the time of the inspection. CDPH personnel additionally observed a significant amount of standing liquid throughout the site, including an area where auto parts were observed stored within standing liquid. At the time of the inspection, site personnel were observed utilizing what appeared to be saw wood to soak up auto liquids in the vicinity where Mr. Koonce indicated vehicles were drained tires containing liquid	9/19/2019
		E000033796			9/19/2019

1176374	12/7/2017 E000031106	violation of fencing required in permit special condition #41	<p>"The South boundary of the facility was not entirely surrounded by a solid 8-foot fence, with an open 100+ foot gap from the building on the west to the fence on the east"</p> <p>I CONDUCTED THE INSPECTION OF PRICE WATSON GENERAL IRON FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ANNUAL CERTIFICATE OF OPERATION. UPON ARRIVAL I MET JIM KALLAS WHO TOOK ME AROUND THE FACILITY FOR TODAY INSPECTION. THE FACILITY WAS ISSUED A DEFECT NOTICE FOR THE EQUIPMENT OBSERVED ON SITE WITHOUT PERMITS.</p>
	9/23/2010	defect notice?	
	3/30/2010 E000024386-	citations issued: 7-28-080; 11-4-030 (special cond. 9)	<p>SINCE AUGUST OF 2009 I ASKED A CAR HAULER GENERAL IRON USES TO GET A 1010 BUSINESS LICENSE. THE CC</p>
	9/28/2009 E000023915-	citations: 7-28-080; 11-4-2520 (permit special condition 22)	<p>THIS WAS A PHONED IN COMPLAINT AND A LISTED INSPECTION AT GENERAL IRON'S YARD #1. THE COMPLAINT WAS CONCERNING ODORS, SMOKE AND DUST COMING FROM THEIR SHREDDER AND PILED MATERIAL. WHEN I ARRIVED I FOUND THAT THE WATER THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE USING ON THE PILE WAS NOT ON. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I AND OTHER INSPECTORS HAVE WARNED THEM ABOUT IN THE PAST. THEIR PERMIT STATES THAT THEY NEED TO USE THE WATER ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS AND FROM WHAT I OBSERVED IT WAS NEEDED. THERE WAS DUST COMING FROM MATERIAL BEING MANIPULATED BY MACHINERY AND ALSO PLUMES OF BLUE SMOKE COMING FROM THE SHREDDER. THIS BLUE SMOKE CREATED A HAZE ON THE YARD AND IT ALSO MIGRATED OFF SITE. THERE WAS ALSO AN ODOR OF PETROLEUM FROM THE SHREDDING OF CARS. I SPOKE WITH ADAM AND WAS INFORMED THAT THEIR VOLUME OF CARS HAS DOUBLED FROM THE CASH FOR CLUNKERS PROGRAM. ADAM ALSO STATED THAT THEY WERE MEETING OPACITY LIMITS FOR THE SMOKE EMISSIONS FROM THE SHREDDER. I INFORMED HIM THAT THEIR CITATIONS DID NOT DEAL WITH THE OPACITY LIMITS BUT THE SUPPRESSION OF PARTICULATE MATTER AND ALONG WITH THE DUST BEING EMITTED FROM MATERIAL HANDLING, THE SMOKE MUST ALSO BE SUPPRESSED. THEY DID HAVE THE WATER TRUCK RUNNING ON THE STREETS BUT THE STREETS LEADING TO AND INSIDE THE YARD NEEDED TO BE SWEEPED.</p>
	5/27/2009 E000020386-	citations: 7-28-080, 11-4-2520 (special condition 8)	<p>shredded material falling into river from loading barges, still have material w/in 20 ft of river; jim kallas</p>
	7/22/2008 E000010950-	citation: 11-4-030 (violation of permit stipulation #24) - no measures to control debris falling into sewer	<p>ONE THING I NOTICED WAS THAT THE MANHOLES OVER THE SEWER CATCH BASINS WERE CAKED WITH MUD AS IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO MEASURES TO CONTROL DEBRIS FALLING INTO THE SEWER. THIS IS A SITUATION THAT I HAVE TALKED TO JIM KALLAS WITH MANY TIMES BEFORE. AS I INSPECTED THE ENTIRE YARD I FOUND THAT ALL OF THE MANHOLES I ENCOUNTERED WERE CAKED WITH MUD AND OTHER DEBRIS. I INFORMED JIM THAT I WAS GOING TO ISSUE A CITATION FOR THIS.</p>

<u>inspection ID</u>	<u>Date of inspection</u>	<u>complaint</u>	<u>investigation results</u>
11324588	4/17/2020	excessive dust	no dust emissions observed
11152408	3/26/2020	burning chemical or plastic smell; also references noise complaints spewing noxious fumes, dust, and pollution into the air that can be smelled for at least a mile's radius	inspector observed odors at various intersections on March 9, 2020, described as: "It is a pungent odor of sweet, burning metal that burns my nostrils and makes it uncomfortable and difficult for me to fully inhale. It is the same odor observed onsite." issued NOV re air pollution & nuisance Unclear whether inspector or complainant noted: "It is a constant health hazard." On March 19, 2020, inspector observed odors at various intersections and noted: "It is a pungent odor of sweet, burning metal that burns my nostrils and makes it uncomfortable for me breathe in." issued 2 NOVs re air pollution & nuisance
11124169	3/20/2020	facility crushing cars at 4 AM and emitting a toxic gas that caused complainant and his family to vomit	Jeff/Jim stated that no cars are crushed that early; 4AM is usually the time the RTO is turned on in preparation for the workload of the day, and once the machine is turned on it dispenses a large amount of steam. "General Iron was given a verbal warning regarding noise levels at unreasonable hours and the affect it has on their neighbors"
11001377	2/26/2020	several noise & odor complaints	did not notice noise or odors
10947983	2/13/2020	odors and an explosion heard in the morning	observed odors at various intersections and described as: "It is a pungent odor of sweet metal that burns my nostrils. I also observed an odor of burning material. The same odors of sweet metal were also observed onsite." issued 2 NOVs re air pollution & nuisance
10929879	2/11/2020	citizen complaint re horrible odor from Gen II	observed odors at various intersections on January 23, 2020, "It is a pungent odor of sweet metal that burns my nostrils and made me uncomfortable to breathe in" and observe fugitive emissions from shredder. Issued NOV
10881195	1/31/2020	"strong disgusting burning metallic smell" coming from Gen II	observed odors at various intersections on January 13, 2020, "It is a pungent odor of sweet metal that burns my nostrils and made me uncomfortable to breathe in" and observe fugitive emissions from shredder. Issued NOV
10836335	1/23/2020	Gen II	observed odors at various intersections on January 13, 2020, "It is a pungent odor of sweet metal that burns my nostrils and made me uncomfortable to breathe in" and observe fugitive emissions from shredder. Issued NOV

	generally references	
1469863	1/16/2020 complaints	
10767158	1/10/2020 odor	observed odors at intersections on 12/23/19, "it is a pungent odor of sweet metal that burns my nostrils" (NOV issued)
10759746	1/9/2020 odor	observed metallic odor at entrance gate
10746578	1/7/2020 bad chemical smell	observed odors at intersections on 12/23/19, "it is a pungent odor of sweet metal that burns my nostrils" (see 1/10/20 entry) (NOV issued)
10716916	12/31/2019 odors from Gen II	observed odors at intersections on Dec. 16, 2019, "It is a pungent odor of sweet metal that burns my nostrils" (NOVs issued)
10708652	12/29/2019 odors & dust	observed fugitive emissions & dust, odors at various intersections on Dec. 10, 2019, "pungent odor of sweet metal that burns my nostrils" (NOVs issued)
10706274	12/27/2019 odors & dust	observed fugitive emissions & dust, odors at various intersections on Dec. 10, 2019, "pungent odor of sweet metal that burns my nostrils" (NOVs issued)
1494955	12/18/2019 Gen II	observed fugitive emissions & dust, odors at various intersections on Dec. 18, 2019, "pungent odor of sweet metal that burns my nostrils" (NOVs issued)
	colleague's observation of a plume of smoke from complaint due to strong toxic odors coming from the	
10657412	12/13/2019 facilit	
10639264	12/11/2019 noise complaint	odors observed on Kingsbury
10573289	12/2/2019 chemical odors	on Nov. 22, 2019 odors oserved at Home Depot and intersection of Throop Wabansia; it is an odor of sweet metal
10578242	12/2/2019 chemical odors	on Nov. 25, 2019 odors oserved at various intersections; it is an odor of sweet metal
10462386	11/15/2019 chemical odors	on Nov. 5, 2019 odors oserved at various intersections; it is an odor of sweet metal

			citizen's complaint re operating outside their permit agreement. Re hours: they are allowed to operate the shredder from 700Hrs to 2100Hrs and can operate all other processes 24/7; the earliest they ahd started between 10/18? And 11/1/19 was 0651 HRS, shredder takes about 5 min to warm up before they start processing
10461347	11/15/2019	complaint re operating hours follow up re prior	
1451164	11/5/2019	complaints	
10292164	10/28/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors	detected odor on Oct. 24, 2019 at an intersection that "was a different odor, not the sweet metallic but more of a burnt plastic/oil/diesel odor. Odor near the plant was similar to the sweet metallic odor."
10287548	10/28/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors	on Oct. 21, 2019 odor detected at intersection "It is an odor of sweet metallic which burns my nostrils on October 8, 2019, strong odors were detected at the intersection of Cortland Southport. It is an odor of sweet metallic, which burns my nostrils . . . An odor of bleach/chlorine was observed on Elston between Corland and Wabansia. other companies in this area will be inspected for compliance.
10208629	10/18/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors	on September 30, 2019, strong odors were detected at the intersection of Kingsbury Cortland and Clifton Marcey. It is an odor of sweet metallic, which burns my nostrils.
10103209	10/7/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors	While canvassing the area surrounding General Iron on October 2, 2019, strong odors were detected at the on Kingbury between Clifton North Ave. It is an odor of sweet metallic, which burns my nostrils.
10103782	10/7/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors	
		complainant described chemical smell that she smells depending on wind	
10102548	10/7/2019	direction	
10039135	10/1/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors	on September 25, 2019, strong odors were detected at the intersection of Clifton Marcey. It is an odor of sweet metallic, which burns my nostrils.

10047093	10/1/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors	on September 26, 2019, strong odors were detected at the intersection of Kingsbury Willow and Kingsbury Wisconsin. It is an odor of sweet metallic, which burns my nostrils... An odor of bleach/chlorine was observed across the river at Wabansia Willow.
10022352	9/30/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors	on September 24, 2019, strong odors were detected at the intersection of Cortland Kingsbury and Clifton Marcey. It is an odor of sweet metallic, which burns my nostrils . . . Odor of bleach/chlorine was observed in the area within Elston Ave, Willow St, Throop St, and Concord Pl. on September 19, 2019, strong odors were detected at the intersection of Cortland Kingsbury. It is an odor of sweet metallic, which burns my nostrils.
9935709	9/19/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors	"on September 17, 2019, strong odors were detected at the intersection of Elston Cortland and Throop Wabansia. It is an odor of sweet metallic, which burns my nostrils."; observed exhaust from scrubber & water cannons not in operation
9935298	9/19/2019	citizen complaint re excessive exhaust	on September 11, 2019, strong odors were detected at the intersection of Cortland Kingsbury and Clifton Marcey. It is an odor of sweet metallic, which burns my nostrils.
9901819	9/17/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors	
9895600	9/16/2019	citizen air pollution complaint	spoke w/ complainant re complaint
9839788	9/10/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors	on September 5, 2019, strong odors were detected at the intersection of Cortland and Southport. It is an odor of sweet metallic, which burns my nostrils.
9839718	9/10/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors	on August 30, 2019, odors were detected at the intersections of Elston Willow and Throop Wabansia. It is an odor of sweet metallic, which burns my nostrils.
9807607	9/6/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors	on August 28, 2019, strong odors were detected at the intersection of Clifton Ave and Marcey St. It is an odor of sweet metallic, which burns my nostrils.
9808727	9/6/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors	on August 29, 2019, odors were detected at the intersections of Clybourn, Racine, Cortland and Clifton Marcey.

9802564	9/5/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors & noise	on August 27, 2019, odors were detected at Clifton Ave and Kingbury St. It is an odor of sweet metallic, that burns the nostrils. . . . Odors onsite, near the shredder, were overpowering and uncomfortable. While canvassing the area around General Iron, west on North Ave to North on Sheffield Ave to northwest on Clybourn Ave to West on Cortland St to Southeast on Elston Ave to North Ave. Strong odors were observed at Throop St and Wabansia Ave which is directly across the Chicago River from General Iron. Odors of a sweet smelling chemicals and metals were observed.
9747470	8/29/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors	Chicago River from General Iron. Odors of a sweet smelling chemicals and metals were observed.
9695131	8/23/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors from uncontained VOCs	did not note unusual odors
9701718	8/23/2019	strong smell of emissions	did not note unusual odors
9495131	8/1/2019	citizen complaint re chemical odors	Strong odors were observed on the north side of home depot and were observed at Throop St and Wabansia Ave which is directly across teh Chicago River from General Iron. Odors of a sweet smelling chemicals and metals were observed. It burned and inflamed my nostrils to teh point of throbbing inside my nostrils.
9424301	7/24/2019	ground / water contamination	311 complaint at 7500 S ashland Ave, SG Auto - site personnel are spilling gasoline on the ground allowing auto fluids to enter the sewer drain, contaminating the ground soil. NOV issued
9368018	7/18/2019	complaint re odor and dust	dust controls were in operation
9317305	7/12/2019	citizen's complaint re fiber glass fluff from general iron all over sidewalk at Armitage/Sheffield	did not see fluff, dust controls in operation
9264291	7/8/2019	citizen's complaint that very strong chemical odors were coming from the facility	no odors / dirt observed

9263955	7/8/2019	citizen complaint re dust & dirt	no odors / dirt observed
9203598	6/28/2019	complaint from residential building east of gen iron	Following the meeting the reporting inspector e-mailed the Alderman's office and the complainant w/ findings of the inspection; complainant has photographs of fluff material from her balcony on Maud St, willing to sign citations and come to court in the future.
9186958	6/26/2019	citizen complaint re odors	"no odors, open burning, or visible emissions were observed except water mist from the canon and water vapor from the main stack." "I spoke to the complaint by phone - she claimed that odors (she described as chemical-ly) were evident, coming from the facility for the past several months but moreso over the past few days since last Thursday. I was at the facility for 2 hours on Friday and smelled no unusual odors. i visit the facility once a week and have yet to smell any unusual odors."
8928169	5/29/2019	citizen complaint re odors	complainant stated that she had smelled this chemical odor yesterday and attributed it to the general iron facility
8429665	4/1/2019	citizen complaint re odors	
8282552	3/15/2019	citizen complaint re smog & chemical odors	did not note any unusual odors
8282597	3/15/2019	complaint due to chemical odors; complainant described VOC odors and particulates in the cracks on the ground	did not note any unusual odors
8229638	3/8/2019	complaint due to "industrial furnace" noise - does not include any furnaces	

8229587	3/8/2019	complaint due to chemical odors coming out and also tiny particles from the facility	did not note unusual odors or any particles in the air
7867186	1/11/2019	complaint due to noise, burning odors, air pollution	did not note any noise or unusual odors
7733777	12/20/2018	complaint due to odors	did not note unusual odors
7536066	11/26/2018	complaint due to burning materials and releasing chemicals into the atmosphere	"This facility is listed as the source but none of their processes include burning. Their shredding operations do cause a small amount of emissions but those pass through extensive filtering."
7476003	11/16/2018	complaint due to fumes from the rooftop odors	did not note anything unusual
7447416	11/14/2018	complaint due to chemical odors	did not note unusual odors
7279493	10/26/2018	complaint due to odors	did not note unusual odors
7183644	10/17/2018	complaint due to odors	called alderman's office, found complaint had not come through their office I called the anonymous complainant phone number but got no response.
7183194	10/17/2018	complaint due to odors	The smell of metal should be expected due to the permitted activities conducted.
7162564	10/15/2018	complaint due to pollution	[complainant] was unsatisfied on the limitations of my role as inspector since I was unequipped to take samples of "pollution" that she said had been released by the facility and was collected on her property.

		complaint due to noise, burning odors, air pollution	7134833	10/11/2018	did not note unusual odors at complainant residence. Complainant stated that they smelled burning garbage. I told him that their processes did not include any burning or combustion. He stated that they pulverized cars and appliances which caused fiberglass and emissions to be released which ended up on their property. . . . He stated that the General Iron facility began operating early in the morning. I informed him that their permit allowed them to work 24 hours a day, 5AM-7PM
		complaint due to noise and odors	6997514	9/27/2018	upon arrival at complainant residence I did not notice any unusual odors upon arrival at complainant residence I did not notice any unusual odors . . . Complainant stated that she had smelled this chemical odor yesterday and attributed it to the General Iron facility. General Iron does not use chemicals as a part of their
		complaint due to chemical odors	6943501	9/21/2018	did not note any unusual odors at the residence . . . Complainant stated that he had smelled the odor two hours ago
		complaint due to burning plastic odors	6753572	8/31/2018	
		complaint of heavy metallic smell in backyard caused by a scrap yard near complainant's address	6677986	8/24/2018	found no odors
		complaint of dust explosions at scrap facility	6471254	8/3/2018	water misters were in use, actively spraying the piled materials. Dust emissions were not noted . . . No explosions noted
		complaint due to metallic smell also irritates eyes dust on cars . . . Layer that is somewhat gritty and sand like	6036384	6/19/2018	did not find dust or smell at the residence

5997163	6/14/2018	complaint it smells like burning metal and there is dust in the air at residence	I did not note dust or unusual odors (owrking on baseball field across street from residence)
5871419	5/31/2018	complaint of "wet substance in the air that settled on callers car clothes, and skin also company smashing cars" naming this scrap facility as the source citizen complaint re toxic gas odor and fiberglass contamination of the	the only "wet substance" likely to originate from the facility is water from the misters but the likelihood of it reaching offsite is very low
5815166	5/24/2018	area	did not find odor or signs of contamination near residence
1225094	3/26/2018	odor complaint	
4898903	1/31/2018	noise complaint	
4326086	11/2/2017	complaint re dust	did not note dust, did note incoming trucks depositing debris and dust arising from the dry metal
1109141	8/21/2017	explosion	on august 21, 20127, investigate a possible explosion that happened on 8/18/17 at 10:30 am. . . . Asked Jim Kallas if there was an explosion, fire and any incident that caused smoke on August 18, 2017 but he told us that no such incident happened. I showed him a photo of possible smoke in the general area of the property, taken on 8/18/17 at around 10:30 am, but he said that it was steam. he told us that on occasions tehy let too much water into the shredder, while there is a lot of friction in it, and the heat with the steam causes a bib steam cloud.

			on august 18, 2017 responded to request to investigate an explosion. . . Spoke to Jeff Jones o fgeneral iron and one of his staff. I told him that someone called CDPH and reported that at about 10:30 AM this morning . . . Somebody heard an explosion and observed white smoke in the area. [they said no explosion and so did yard workers]
1106933	8/18/2017	explosion complaint of awful odors, diesel, starting work at 5:30 am instead of appropriate time and residents having trouble breathing forced to close their	
3247181	6/20/2017	windows references noise	exhaust emissions were evident due to truck traffic to/from the facility and this being a street with constant vehicle traffic; no evidnece of odors
3180215	6/12/2017	complaint complaint of odors	
2380409	2/10/2017	and smoke complaint of horrendous,	found no smoke or odors beyond that of the exhaust emissions evident due to the constant in/out truck traffic.
2324165	1/30/2017	nauseating odors complaint re odor	found no odors beyond that of the exhaust emissions evident due to the constant in/out truck traffic. complainant had previously called IEPA and 311 but had not done anything
1986687	11/15/2016	and dust complaint re odor	
1801862	10/18/2016	and dust	did not find dust or smell
		complaint about GI placing propane tanks in their shredder and	Jeff Jones said they do not shred propane tanks . . . I estimated that there must have been 150 smaller propane tanks and roughly 100 larger propane tanks in the storage area. It is possible that a propane tank slipped through and made it to the shredder but this was not on purpose.
1551973	9/9/2016	causing explosions citizen air pollution	i did not hear any explosions while i was conducting this inspection. did not observe odors, smoke generates a mist which easily could be
824970	5/31/2016	complaint	confused with white smoke pollution

827338	5/26/2016	citizen air pollution complaint complaint refrigeration fumes were being released	refrigerants processed by general metals down the street; no odors at facility
462724	4/11/2016	into the air complaint that Gen Iron is taking stolen material such as manhole covers and sidewalk tree grates	WHEN I ARRIVED I FOUND THAT THERE WERE SOME SHOPPING CARTS ON SITE. I HAD JIM KALLAS TAKE THEM OUT AND SET THEM ASIDE TO CONTACT THE RETAIELR THEY CAME FROM. I DID NOT SEE ANY MNAHOLE COVERS, SIDEWALK GRATES OR OTHER CITY PROPERTY. WALKIGN VENDORS USING SHOPPING CARTS IS A COMMON ISSUE THROUGHOUT THE CITY.
2472	12/21/2011	and shopping carts complaint re odors, smoke and dust coming from their shredder and piled	
	9/28/2009	material	NOV issued -- THIS WAS A PHONED IN COMPLAINT AND A LISTED INSPECTI
		strong burning rubber smell and big	UPON ARRIVAL I MET ADAM LABKON THE FACILITY CONTACT PERSON, AND JIM KALLAS (847) 508-9170 THE FACILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PERSON, TOOK ME AROUND THE FACILITY. IT WAS ALLEGED THAT FOUR OUT OF SEVEN DAYS OF WEEK, STRONG RUBBER BURNING SMELL AND BIG EXPOLSION AT THIS FACILITY. I OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING DURING THIS INSPECTION: CUTTING OPERATION WITH PROPANE AND OXYGEN GAS; EMPTY PROPANE TANKS/CYLINDERS, WITH THE TOP/CONTROL VALVE REMOVED. DURING THIS INSPECTION I DID NOT OBSERVE ANY RUBBER BURNING SMELL OR BIG EXPLOSION AT THIS FACILITY.
	2/1/2006	explosion	

Category	Equipment / practice	Notes on issues in inspection reports
Dust control	misting cannon	<p>"Misting cannons were observed to not be in operation to control airborne particles" during inspection on 3/26/2020, ID 11152408. NOV issued re air pollution & nuisance</p> <p>"Misting cannons were observed to not be in operation to control airborne particles" during inspection on 3/20/2020, ID 11124169, although inspector also observed there was not fugitive dust from piles being moved because of recent rain. 2 NOVs issued this day related to dust & failure to control dust.</p> <p>"Misting cannons were observed to not be in operation to control airborne particles at the time of the inspection" on 2/11/2020, ID 10929879 (issued NOVs)</p> <p>Misting cannons not in operation, but ground was saturated with water as it was snowing and did not observe dust or debris when workers disturbed material piles, 1/31/2020 ID 10881195; similar situation on 1/23/20 ID 10836335 when it had recently snowed</p> <p>misting cannons not in operation, fugitive dust observed, NOV issued. 1/10/20 ID 10767158</p> <p>"Fugitive dust was also observed onsite when workers disturbed material piles and moved materials to and from truck trailers. Misting cannons were observed to not be in operation to control airborne particles at the time of the inspection. Observing auto fluff in the public way and fugitive dust without operating misting cannons leads me to believe that reasonable measurements were not and are not being taken to ensure dust, debris, and dirt won't migrate off site and into the public way." 1/7/20, ID 10746578 (NOV issued) see also 1/10/20</p> <p>"Misting cannons were observed to not be in operation to control airborne particles at the time of inspection. Observing auto fluff in the public way and fugitive dust without operating misting cannons leads me to believe that reasonable measurements were not and are not being taken to ensure dust, debris, and dirt won't migrate off site and into the public way." 12/31/19, ID 10716916 (NOV issued)</p> <p>Misting cannons observed to not be in operation, 12/29/19 10708652, NOV issued</p> <p>"Fugitive dust was observed onsite and migrating offsite when workers disturbed the material piles and moved materials to and from truck trailers. Misting cannons were observed to not be in operation at the time of the inspection. Fugitive dust without operating misting cannons leads me to believe that reasonable measurements are not being taken to ensure dust, debris, and dirt won't migrate off site and into the public way." 12/27/19, 10706274 (NOV issued)</p> <p>"Dust was also observed on the vehicles parked on the Southeast side of Clifton Ave between Marcey St Kingsbury St, which is diagonally across from GII, LLC. Misting cannons were observed to not be in operation to control airborne particles at the time of the inspection. Observing auto fluff in the public way and dust on the vehicles diagonally across from GII LLC without operating misting cannons leads me to believe that reasonable measurements were not and are not being taken to ensure dust, debris, and dirt won't migrate off site and into the public way." 12/18/19, 1494955 (NOV issued)</p> <p>"Fugitive dust observed onsite when disturbing material piles and loading materials onto the trucks . . . Misting cannons were observed to not be operated and the water truck did not wet the pavement." 12/11/2019, 10639264</p> <p>"Fugitive dust observed onsite when disturbing material piles and loading materials onto the trucks . . . Misting cannons were observed to not be operated but water truck had wet the pavement" 12/19/19, 10573289</p> <p>misting cannons were observed to not be in operation, 12/2/19, 10578242</p> <p>"Fugitive dust observed onsite when disturbing material piles . . . Misting cannons were observed to not be operated but water truck had wet the pavement." 11/15/2019, ID 10462386. same on 10/28/19, 10292164.</p> <p>"Rain and wind were present during the inspection. No misting cannons were observed to not be operated at the time of inspection nor was a water truck wetting the streets. No fugitive dust observed." 10/28/19, 10287548</p> <p>"Fugitive dust observed onsite when disturbing material piles . . . Misting cannons were observed to not be operated at the time of inspection nor was a water truck wetting the streets. Dust was observed on Kingsbury and Wisconsin being kicked up from the trucks from General Iron." 10/18/19, 10208629</p> <p>"Misting cannons were observed to not be operated at the time of inspection nor was a water truck wetting the streets." 10/1/19, 10039135</p> <p>"misting cannons were observed to not be operated at the time of inspection." 9/30/19, 10022352</p> <p>"The misting cannons, to control dust, were not observed to be in operation during my inspection. Excessive exhaust was observed from the scrubber's stack." 9/19/19, 9935298</p> <p>"I called the facility, found that the water used for dust suppression was operational. They had failed to use it during early yesterday hours when temperatures were near freezing." 10/17/18, 7183644</p> <p>"The road leading to the facility was wet, showing that the water truck is in use but at the site the water misters were not." 4/25/18, 1235829</p> <p>"The road leading to the facility was wet, showing that the water truck is in use but at the site the water misters were not. . . . I met Jeff (manager) he told me that they would wait until it is warmer than the current 34 degree temperatures to begin watering the pile." 4/17/18, 1231336</p> <p>I noted a few deficiencies: at the offload station (by trucks, at the shredder), incoming loads were noticeably dusty and causing clouds of dust as materials hit the ground. In the supply area, some of the stored drums (hydraulic oil, kerosene) had materials piled on top or lacked secondary containment. . . JC stated that there is a water sprayer dedicated to the offload area but did not know why it wasn't operating. he will have this addressed immediately. he will also ensure that all drums are stored properly. 4/25/16, 842777</p>

Sources & observations of fugitive dust

water truck

THIS WAS A PHONED IN COMPLAINT AND A LISTED INSPECTION AT GENERAL IRON'S YARD #1. THE COMPLAINT WAS CONCERNING ODORS, SMOKE AND DUST COMING FROM THEIR SHREDDER AND PILED MATERIAL. WHEN I ARRIVED I FOUND THAT THE WATER THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE USING ON THE PILE WAS NOT ON. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I AND OTHER INSPECTORS HAVE WARNED THEM ABOUT IN THE PAST. THEIR PERMIT STATES THAT THEY NEED TO USE THE WATER ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS AND FROM WHAT I OBSERVED IT WAS NEEDED. THERE WAS DUST COMING FROM MATERIAL BEING MANIPULATED BY MACHINERY AND ALSO PLUMES OF BLUE SMOKE COMING FROM THE SHREDDER. THIS BLUE SMOKE CREATED A HAZE ON THE YARD AND IT ALSO MIGRATED OFF SITE. THERE WAS ALSO AN ODOR OF PETROLEUM FROM THE SHREDDING OF CARS. (NOV issued) 9/28/09 fugitive dust observed and "the water truck did not wet the pavement" and misters were not on, 12/11/2019, 10639264

"Rain and wind were present during the inspection. No misting cannons were observed to not be operated at the time of inspection nor was a water truck wetting the streets. No fugitive dust observed." 10/28/19, 10287548

"Fugitive dust observed onsite when disturbing material piles . . . Misting cannons were observed to not be operated at the time of inspection nor was a water truck wetting the streets. Dust was observed on Kindsbury and Wisconsin being kicked up from the trucks from General Iron." 10/18/19, 10208629

"Misting cannons were observed to not be operated at the time of inspection nor was a water truck wetting the streets." 10/1/19, 10039135 dust observed and "No water trucks were observed to be wetting the streets for dust control" 8/1/19, 9495131

"The road was dry and there was no sign of their water truck . . . [Jeff] stated that their water truck was on standby for fire suppression in another part of the facility where some welding was being done" — included in entries 6/21/19, 1411656 and 6/14/19, 1391614

material piles

inspector observed "dry piles of the shredded material on the ground and there was visible particulate being disturbed by the wind" on 4/9/2020, ID 1528985. Subsequent inspection met with Jeff to discuss making roofed bay the storage area for shredded material to address dust, 4/16/2020, ID 1529024.

"Fugitive dust was also observed onsite when workers disturbed material piles and moved materials to and from truck trailers." 2/11/2020, ID 10929879, and misting cannons were not in operation (issued NOVs)

"Fugitive dust was observed onsite when workers disturbed material piles and moved materials to and from truck trailers." & misting cannons not in operation 1/10/20, ID 10767158 (NOV issued) (see also 1/7/20 entry)

"Fugitive dust was also observed onsite when workers disturbed material piles and moved materials to and from truck trailers." 12/31/19 10716916 (NOV issued)

"Fugitive dust was observed onsite and migrating offsite when disturbing material piles and moving materials to and from truck trailers." 12/29/19, 10708652 (NOV issued), not using misting cannons

fugitive dust from material piles w/o misting cannons - 12/27/19, 10706274

Fugitive dust was also observed onsite when workers disturbed material piles and moved materials to and from truck trailers. 12/18/19, 1494955 (NOV), no misting cannons in operation

"Fugitive dust observed onsite when disturbing material piles and loading materials onto the trucks . . . Misting cannons were observed to not be operated and the water truck did not wet the pavement" 12/11/19, 10639264; same observation 12/2/19 10573289 except water truck had wet the pavement, same on 11/15/19, 10462386, same on 10/28/19, 10292164

"Fugitive dust observed onsite when disturbing material piles . . . Misting cannons were observed to not be operated at the time of inspection nor was a water truck wetting the streets. Dust was observed on Kindsbury and Wisconsin being kicked up from the trucks from General Iron." 10/18/19, 10208629

"One misting cannon was observed to be in operation at the time of inspection. No visible emissions were observed leaving the top or the side of the shredder. But, visible air borne material was observed when the material storage piles were disturbed." 10/7/19, 10103209

One misting cannon was observed to be in operation at the time of inspection. . . . Also, visible air borne material was observed when the material storage piles were disturbed. 10/1/19, 10047093

truck related dust

"Fugitive dust observed onsite when disturbing material piles . . . Misting cannons were observed to not be operated at the time of inspection nor was a water truck wetting the streets. Dust was observed on Kindsbury and Wisconsin being kicked up from the trucks from General Iron." 10/18/19, 10208629

"met JK to investigate the dust aspect. No dust noted . . . I did note incoming trucks depositing CD debris (rebar) and as they did dust arose from the dry metal. The code requires that CD debris be wet prior to transporting truckloads offsite but trucks from 2 different companies deposited dry CD debris. This is not caused by General Iron. the dust was not carried offsite by the wind . . . JK noted the issue and committed that they would spray more water on incoming loads during the unload process in case trucks arrived with dry/dusty debris." 11/2/17, 4326086

met JK . . . I did note dust from inbound trucks delivering loads of CD debris (mostly rebar) that were dry. This is supposed to be wet by the demo company during the demo process before leaving the demo site. JK noted the dust and committed to paying special attentino to CD debris loads and wet them to minimize dust. 10/30/17, 1147529

I noted a few deficiencies: at the offload station (by trucks, at the shredder), incoming loads were noticeably dusty and causing clouds of dust as materials hit the ground. In the supply area, some of the stored drums (hydraulic oil, kerosene) had materials piled on top or lacked secondary containment . . . JC stated that there is a water sprayer dedicated to the offload area but did not know why it wasn't operating. he will havethis addressed immediately. he will also ensure that all drums are stored properly. 4/25/16, 842777

THIS WAS A LISTED INSPECTION AT GENERAL IRON'S YARD #1. WHEN I ARRIVED I FOUND THAT THE STREET NEEDED TO BE SWEEPED AS THERE WAS A LOT OF DUST KICKED UP FROM TRUCK TRAFFIC. I ALSO FOUND THAT THERE WERE AREAS OF DIRT AND DEBRIS BUILD UP THAT NEEDED TO BE DEALT WITH ALONG WITH DEBRIS FLOWING INTO THE SEWERS. I TALKED TO JIM KALLAS ABOUT THESE ISSUES AND WILL REINSPECT NEXT MONTH. 6/24/2008

auto fluff

Auto fluff observed on properties northeast of GI by inspector on 3/20/2020, ID 11124169. Inspector "also observed GI LLC personnel removing auto fluff from the public way on Marcey St."

"Auto fluff/auto shredder residue was observed on the property directly Southwest and across the North Branch Chicago River." 2/11/2020, ID 10929879 (issued NOVs)
Auto fluff/ASR observed at intersection of Kingsbury St and Cortland St. 1/10/20, ID 10767158 (NOV issued) (see also 1/7/20 entry)

"Auto fluff/auto shredder residue was observed on the property across the river from GI, LLC and at the intersection of Kingsbury St and Cortland St." 12/31/19, 10716916 (NOV issued)

"Auto fluff/auto shredder residue was observed at the intersection of Clifton Ave and Marcey St" 12/18/19, 1494955 (NOV issued)

"Automotive shredder residue was observed from across the river" 8/1/19, 9495131

THERE WERE TWO AREAS OF CONCERN WHERE FLUFF AND DIRT ACCUMULATE AND ARE NOT CLEANED AS OFTEN. I SPOKE WITH JIM KALLAS AND ADAM ABOUT THIS AND THEY ARE PLANNING ON REPAVING IT AND PUTTING IN A UST FOR CONTAINMENT OF THIS MATERIAL. I HAVE HAD ISSUES WITH FLUFF ACCUMULATING OFF SITE AND THEY RESPONDED SO I WILL WORK WITH THEM ON THIS ISSUE TO GET IT RESOLVED. 8/9/12, 450164

THERE WERE ISSUES I HAD NOTICED DURING MY LAST INSPECTION WHERE ALONG CORTLAND, CLYBOURN, KINGSBURY, MARCY AND CLIFTON PUBLIC WAYS WAS A BUILD-UP OF FLUFF. THIS FLUFF HAD SETTLED AND PACKED IN THE CRACKS IN THE SIDEWALKS, ALONG THE BUILDINGS, AROUND MANHOLE COVERS AND OTHER ACCESS COVERS AND IN THE STREET. THIS FLUFF IS A PRODUCT OF GENERAL IRON'S PROCESSES AND IS COMING FROM THEIR YARD AND/OR THE TRUCKS HAULING IT OFF SITE FROM THEIR YARD #1. LAST DECEMBER I HAD ASKED THEM TO CLEAN THE FLUFF FROM THE SURROUNDING AREAS AND ASKED THEM WHAT A FAIR TIMELINE WOULD BE, WE WOUND UP SETTLING ON TWO-THREE WEEKS. TODAY WHEN I WALKED AROUND THEIR YARD I FOUND THAT THE FLUFF WAS STILL PRESENT IN ALL OF THE ABOVE AREAS AND IN THE SAME CONDITION. I ALSO ASKED TO SEE THEIR LATEST TEST RESULTS FROM THIS MATERIAL AND THE RESULTS WERE ALL UNDER TCLIP THRESHOLDS. THEY DID RECEIVE A CITATION AND I WARNED THEM THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SURROUNDING PUBLIC WAYS AND THEY HAVE TO INCORPORATE PATROLLING SURROUNDING AREAS FOR THIS TYPE OF RELEASE.

THERE WERE ALSO A COUPLE OF AREAS WHERE THEY HAD BREAKS IN THEIR BERM ALONG THE RIVER WHERE RUN OFF COULD POTENTIALLY FLOW INTO THE RIVER. THEY MUST HAVE THESE BREAKS REPAIRED BY MY NEXT INSPECTION. 1/26/12, 416450

dumpster

"There are particulates collected on top of the dumpster and noticeable dust is escaping from a gap in between the dumpster and its cover." 8/1/19, 1528963

"The hoses that discharge to the dumpster have tape and small openings that allow the particulates to visibly escape." 5/4/19, 1372015

"The discharge process appeared to need adjustment - particulates are collected on the ground next to the dumpster." 3/22/19, 1332401

"Previous inspection: They had added paneling to enclose the waste dumpster, which will contain any loose particulates that happen to escape. There was some loose particulate on the ledge above the dumpster. There remains work to be done that will address the particulates that escape while they are clearing blockages from the discharge pipes to the dumpster. There was loose particulate on the ground. This will be trucked down to yard 1 for processing this week. They will change storage so that all fine particulates are stored in a bunker, under a roof. Current inspection: they were emptying the waste dumpster and making more adjustments to the discharge process." 8/31/18, 1281937

"Previous inspection: the wire shred line was in operation. The waste dumpster from the process line appeared to have particulates underneath it and a small amount on flat surfaces around the edges, dust appeared to be coming out along the side door on the end. Current inspection: I met J. Kallas (or JK environmental manager) and toured the facility. They have added paneling to enclose the waste dumpster, which will contain any loose particulates that happen to escape. There is some loose particulate on the ledge above the dumpster. There remains work to be done that will address the particulates that escape while they are clearing blockages from the discharge pipes to the dumpster. There is loose particulate on the ground. This will be trucked down to yard 1 for processing this week. They will change storage so that all fine particulates are stored in a bunker, under a roof." 6/28/18, 1246527

"Previous inspection: the wire shred line was not in operation. Workers were making adjustments to the waste dumpster from the process line. Apparently moving it with a forklift had poked holes in it and they had covered the holes with duct tape. The supervisor had a plan to address these holes, adapt the outputs so that they are dust-tight, and screen the area around the dumpster in case any dust leaks out. This should be completed by reinspection. Current inspection: I met J. Kallas (or JK, environmental manager) and toured the facility. The wire shred line was in operation. The waste dumpster from the process line appeared to have particulates underneath it and a small amount on flat surfaces around the edges, dust appeared to be coming out along the side door on the end. . . . I told JK that 1) they should clean all of the particulate outside the dumpster and check for any materials that could be found outside after anything found will show that it has material defect that allows this and 2) they must seal all gaps that will allow dust to escape." 5/9/18, 1229400

"Previous inspection: there was loose particulate atop the shelf holding the outputs from the process line to the waste dumpster. Apparently there was a breach that allowed this. JK assured that this would be addressed immediately. Current inspection: I checked the repairs to the waste dumpster and found that the loose particulate had been cleared from the shelf holding the outputs and duct tape had been used to seal any cracks in them. The cracks in the dumpster had been addressed by steel plate being welded in place." 3/21/18, 1222165

Previous inspection: there was loose particulate atop the shelf holding the outputs from the process line to the waste dumpster. Apparently there was a breach that allowed this. JK assured that this would be addressed immediately. Current inspection: I met J. Kallas (or JK environmental manager) and toured the facility. the wire shred line was not in operation. workers were making adjustments to teh waste dumpster from teh process line. apparently moving it with a forklift had poked holes in it and they had covered the holes with duct tape. The supervisor had a plan to address these holes, adapt the outputs so that they are dust-tight, and screen the area around the dumpster in case any dust leaks out. this should be completed by reinspection. 3/14/18, 1214005

"I met J. Kallas . . . And toured the facility. The wire shred line was not in operation. There was loose particulate atop the shelf that holds the ouptuts that lead from the process line to the waste dumpster. Apparently there was a breach that allowed this. JK does not deal with the actual processes in this area but will ensure that this is addressed immediately." 1/31/18, 1187038

the dumpster for the wire shredder has a powdery buildup around areas that may have material defects (cracks/splits) in the metal that allowed the wire to escape containment. JC will clean off the buildup and pressure wash the whole container. This will show whether these are defects that allow leakage or ambient dust that happens to settle on these areas. 3/31/16, 829790

"photo A: the dumpster for the wire shredder had material defects (holes) that allowed the wire to escape containment. These defects have been repaired" 2/17/16, 809135

the dumpster itself still has material defects (holes) in it that allows the wire to escape containment. These defects were to be addressed by reinspection. JC was warned that this should be addressed by reinspection or Nov will result. 12/7/15, 715706

photo a: top of dumpster for shredded wire apparently has defects in it and piping conveying the wire from the building. This allows the wire to escape containment. . . . photo b: bottom of dumpster/ground. these defects to be addressed by reinspection: 11/3/15, 712767

wire shred line

"Met J.K... found that the wire shred line is back in operation after repairs that kept it out of commission for a few months. There is a waste receptacle attached to the processes that is supposed to contain the dust and other particulates generated as a part of this but that container has a hole in it that is allowing dust to escape and collect in the ground next to it. . . . JK spoke to the operations manager. this will be remedied by reinspection, in 1 month." 6/20/17, 1081440

wire shred line is still not in operation, they are waiting for a part necessary to run the process line 4/25/17, 1061572

facility is currently inactive. Wire shredding is temporarily being suspended. 3/9/17, 1039051

the wire shred line is not in operation, only using the line for separating out contaminants (rocks, glass) from the wire. No actual wire shredding being done. 1/11/17, 1011469

other fugitive dust related evidence

"I spoke to the facility manager at the PAWS facility directly across the General Iron at the intersection at Clifton Marcey. He informed me that they have to change the HVAC filters weekly since the debris caused by General Iron's shredder and material piles. Misting cannons were observed to not be operated at the time of inspection nor was a water truck wetting the streets." 10/1/19, 10039135

"By the river, the winch for the barges and the fence next to it are covered with dust" 8/1/19, 1432160

"General Iron was observed to be utilizing specific misting cannon to control dust and odors. No water trucks were observed to be wetting the streets for dust control. . . . Wind borne particles were also observed on the upper Northwest side of the facility. Here, they load materials onto trucks and move materials to other nearby locations on the site." 8/1/19, 9495131

"The inspectors met with General Iron safety manager Jeff Jones, and a discussion was held concerning airborne emissions and health and safety surrounding the plant. Jones stated that air monitoring, wetting, sweeping and all of the safety and cleanliness actions for the plant are in use. The facility operates almost continuously and some debris will migrate despite best efforts, according to Jones. Jones pointed to the various systems in place to limit particulate from leaving the property." 6/28/19, 9203598

"I noted that there was also lightweight, nonmetal material that was light enough to become windborne. The plastic strips that are supposed to help keep control of the discharge were torn and needed placement. ?JK said that the Cyclone is supposed to remove all nonmetal and he will investigate how this got past. He will have the damaged plastic strips replaced." 11/1/18, 1313012

"some scrap had been left in the Northwest area where scrap was not to be stored, only machines - this had been removed. Materials had been noted on top of the wall that formed the boundary in between the nonferrous plant and the neighboring street. This had been addressed and the pile would be maintained to prevent this from happening. there had been separated waste that was lightweight enough to become windborne next to the river. this had been covered with recent snows but shoveled together with teh snow and was being moved to the pile to be fed into the shredder." 2/8/18, 1223308; see also entry 2/8/18, 1208846, adding " there had been separated waste that was lightweight enough to perhaps become windborne next to the river, along with small fragments that had strayed away from the pile or been dropped/dragged by trucks. This had been covered with recent snows but shoveled together with the snow and was going to be moved to the pile to be fed into the shredder."

"previously i had noted that there was no barrier to prevent materials (stored outside while awaiting processing) from becoming windborne and possibly migrating to the nearby river. a screen fence with fabric mesh attached had been put in place to address this." 1/31/18, 1187038

large chunks of rock had been added as pavement to the northwest area where scrap was not to be stored, only machines. There were machines there but also some scrap. I told JK that the scrap should be moved to the scrap side and he agreed to do this. near the nonferrous plant, materials were piled against the stone barrier which separated GI from the neighboring street. materials were noted on top of the wall. I told JK that this threatened materials escaping the facility and suggested that they relocated this to a more controlled area. there was waste that had migrated from the pile that was lightweight enough to become windborne. I told JK to have this area cleaned up by next inspection in 1 week. 1/31/18, 1207398

"I met J. Kallas . . . And toured the facility. The wire shred line was in operation. Previously the dust collector had a breach in one of the pipes that allowed particulates to escape and collect on the ground underneath. This had been repaired but the bin of collected particulates remained. This must be removed to prevent them from becoming windborne and exiting the facility. There are loose materials piled around the hopper which feeds them into the building, with no barrier in between them and the nearby river. JK was supposed to address this but it had not been done . . . the supervisor had the idea of fencing the area adjacent to the river and adding another layer to the stone blocks delineating the area where the particulates are stored. this should address the issue." 12/7/17, 1174349; see also 10/30/17, 1137460

Also, there is litter on the ground that can become windborne and escape the facility. this to be addressed immediately. 3/31/16, 830775

Photo C) materials piled near to and higher than the dock wall. this threatens spillover to the river. these materials to be moved immediately and this area not used for storage. 12/7/15, 804947

THE GROUNDS WERE IN NEED OF A SWEEPING BUT MOST OF THE FLUFF WAS FROZEN TO THE GROUND. THEY WERE LOADING A BARGE AND THE MAJORITY OF MATERIAL NOT MAKING IT INTO THE BARGE WAS CAUGHT ON THE EDGE OF THE BARGE AND AN EMPLOYEE WAS PICKING IT UP. 3/20/13, 491495

"There was dirt in the Northeast corner where machines were usually parked that is empty but uneven. I spoke to Jeff (yard manager) and he told me that he had a load of asphalt scheduled to arrive today for proper paving." 8/1/19, 1432160

"previous findings: Northeast corner appears to be dirt. They are to expose the pavement and, if not paved but dirt, explore the possibility of adding acceptable pavement. Current findings: . . . Met JK . . . The dirt northwest area had not been paved but they did not have shredded materials stored or machines parked there. there were some large pieces that may be structural pieces for the plant, not to be processed as scrap." 6/20/17, 1061585

previous findings: northwest corner appears to be dirt. They are to expose the pavement and, if not paved but dirt, explore the possibility of adding acceptable pavement. Current findings: . . . The northwest area had still not been addressed, as requested. JK will have to address the owner about making the necessary improvement of the uneven, muddy dirt pavement. the ground is some rock, some dirt and mud with standing water. there has been addition of cement pavement nearer the materials pile/shredder area, which will continue into the spring and summer. I strongly encouraged JK to include this northwest area in their improvements. 1/11/17, 1011476

previous findings: northwest corner appears to be dirt. They are to expose the pavement and, if not paved but dirt, explore the possibility of adding acceptable pavement. Current findings: . . . The northwest area had still not been addressed, as requested. the ground is some rock, some dirt and mud with standing water. there is a sewer drain but it is partially covered with dirt. I repeated my directive to address the pavement in this area, by adding gravel or exposing any cement or asphalt that lies beneath. 10/31/16, 1001811

a portion of the facility (in the northwest corner) appears to be dirt. JC says he believes there is concrete or gravel underneath. I told him to scrape the surface to expose the pavement and, if not paved but dirt, explore the possibility of adding acceptable pavement. 7/27/16, 882010

in the center, standing water floods the area. JC states that this area is to be paved this year. 3/31/16, 830775

photo a) open-air area in between the shredder and the eddy current processes has layers upon layers of shredded materials that prevent proper drainage of water and lets mud collect. JC states that this area is scheduled for paving. 9/30/15, 711215

photo a) open air area between the shredder and eddy current processes layers upon layers of shredded materials prevent proper drainage of water and lets mud collect. Kallas stated that there is pavement (stone) below these layers. I directed (per permit special condition 22, 29) that he plan to expose this pavement and update me on the sept inspection. 8/27/15, 708237

Photo B) open-air area in between the shredder and the eddy current processes standing water shows that pavement is not sufficient to promote drainage. 7/16/15, 700925

There is a buildup of mud on the ground, calling for increased (more frequent) cleaning. 5/5/15, 696354

THE PAVEMENT IN MANY AREA NEEDED TO BE REPAIRED. THEIR TRIPLE BASIN SYSTEM (WITH OIL/WATER SEPARATOR) WAS BEING INSTALLED - I ASKED IF THEY HAD APPLIED FOR A DISCHARGE PERMIT SINCE THEIR WASTEWATER WAS BEING TREATED AND JEFF COULD NOT GIVE ME AN ANSWER. WATER WAS BEING APPLIED TO ALL THE PILES AND AT THE SHREDDER. 5/21/13, 499636

conveyor

JC warned me in advance that the plastic flaps (placed to direct discharge) where the conveyor ejects to the barge were in poor (shredded) condition. They had ordered replacements that shredded much more quickly than the usual flaps, which had been reordered and are due any day. also, the bottom of the conveyor has shredded materials caked on it. this to be cleaned off and kept clean. 3/31/16, 830775

Photo B) shredded plastic flaps (placed to direct discharge) where the conveyor ejects to the barge have not been replaced as directed in the previous inspection - this to be addressed by reinspection. 12/7/15, 804947

photo a) 2 of the plastic flaps (placed to direct discharge) where the conveyor ejects to the barge are in poor (shredded condition). JC will have these replaced immediately. 11/3/15, 712835

Soil, water, and
dust related
issues

Shredder

fugitive emissions

photo a) the conveyor is ejecting too close, in my estimation, to the outside edge of the barge. This can allow materials to bounce over the edge or lighter weight materials to become windborne. I requested that they make adjustments to the barge and/or conveyor that would decrease the threat of materials entering the river. 3/19/15, 690611

the area where barges were loaded bore attention: the plastic flaps where the conveyor ejected were in poor condition (badly shredded) - they must be replaced. 11/4/14, 533176
the area where barges were loaded bore attention, last visit: the plastic flaps where the conveyor ejected were in poor condition (badly shredded). As directed, the flaps had now been replaced with longer, thicker ones. 4/24/14, 520589

from across the Chicago River, inspector observed "untreated emissions" that were "escaping the top of the shredder" on 3/26/2020, ID 11152408. NOV issued re air pollution & nuisance from across the Chicago River, inspector noted "untreated emissions were observed escaping the shredder. Black smoke was also observed periodically escaping the shredder" on 3/20/2020, ID 11124169. 2 NOVs issued this day, air pollution related

"Untreated emissions were observed escaping the top and the sides of the shredder. I also observed smoke leaving the shredder and traveling through the property across from the North Branch Chicago River." 2/11/2020, ID 10929879 (issued NOVs)

"During the entire time of my inspection, untreated emissions were observed escaping the top and side of the shredder" 1/31/2020, ID 10881195 (NOV issued)

"Untreated emissions were observed escaping the top and side of the shredder. It looked like smoke was leaving the shredder too. The shredder is not an enclosed piece of equipment. It does contain a hood to capture the emissions and process them through a regenerative thermal oxidizer (RTO) and a wet scrubber to remove volatile organic compounds (VOCs), hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), and other airborne solvents. Being able to observe emissions escaping the shredder leads me to believe that the equipment capturing the emissions is insufficient. Consequently, this does not allow the recently installed air pollution control equipment to remove the emissions since they are escaping at the shredder before the treatment process." 1/23/2020 ID 10836335 (NOV issued)

"Untreated emissions were observed escaping the top and side of the shredder and migrating off-site. The shredder is not an enclosed piece of equipment. It does contain a hood to capture the emissions and process them through a regenerative thermal oxidizer (RTO) and a wet scrubber to remove volatile organic compounds (VOCs), hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), and other airborne solvents." 1/10/20, 10767158 (NOV issued)

"Being able to observe the emissions escaping the shredder leads me to believe that the equipment capturing the emissions is insufficient. Consequently, this does not allow the recently installed air pollution control equipment to remove the emissions since they are escaping at the shredder before the treatment process." 1/7/20, 10746578 (NOV issued, see 1/10/20 entry)

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"Untreated emissions were observed escaping the top and side of the shredder. The shredder is not an enclosed piece of equipment. It does contain a hood to capture the emissions and process them through a regenerative thermal oxidizer (RTO) and a wet scrubber to remove volatile organic compounds (VOCs), Hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), and other airborne solvents." 12/29/19, 10708652 (NOVs issued)

untreated emissions escaping from top and side of shredder; "Being able to observe emissions escaping the shredder leads me to believe that the equipment capturing the emissions is insufficient. Consequently, this does not allow the recently installed air pollution control equipment to remove the emissions since they are escaping at the shredder before the treatment process." 12/27/19, 10706274 (NOVs issued)

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"Steam/emissions were observed to be exhausted directly from the shredder during the inspection" 12/11/19, 10639264; same observation on 12/2/19, 10573289; same observation on 11/15/19, 10462386; same on same on 10/28/19, 10292164; same on 10/18/19, 10208629

"During this inspection, Jim allowed me to view the shredding process. Inside the shredder box, we were able to view automotive parts entering the shredder. Large amounts of steam is created during this process since water is being sprayed to control dust, explosions, and heat. Above the shredder is the catch hood to pull the steam/emissions/dust/debris through their air pollution control equipment (filter, RTO, and scrubber). Not all the steam is being captured by the hood and is released to the atmosphere since the shredder box is not a sealed structure. Also, the materials that were shredded hold the heat generated by the process, this causes the materials to steam/emit." 11/15/19, 10461347

"Visible emissions, smoke/steam, were observed leaving back side of the shredder, that is facing the river." 10/7/19, 10103782

"Smoke/steam observed leaving the top and side of shredder and failed to be processed with the air pollution control equipment." 10/1/19, 10039135

"Visible emissions were observed leaving the top and the side of the shredder. They were viewed during the duration of the inspection. The shredder is not a closed system thus allowing emissions to escape before being processed by the RTO and scrubber." 10/1/19, 10047093

"The misting cannons, to control dust, were not observed to be in operation during my inspection. Excessive exhaust was observed from the scrubber's stack." 9/19/19, 9935298

"During this inspection, air monitors (arearae pro monitors) were placed in specific locations for a specific amount of time to test the air quality. Abnormal levels of VOCs were observed downwind from the facility (above 10PPB). We will continue to investigate General Iron to find a source and type of VOC emitted. . . . Emissions from the shredder was observed during the inspection. The shredder utilizes water to reduce particulate dust. When the water hits the hot shredder fragments, the water turns to steam. Steam droplets may capture particles that can be emitted into the air." 8/1/19, 9495131

THE GROUNDS NEEDED TO BE SWEEP AS THERE WAS A BUILD-UP OF FLUFF AND A SMALL AMOUNT OF METALS. A BARGE WAS BEING LOADED AT THE TIME OF MY INSPECTION AND I DID NOT SEE ANY MATERIAL ENTERING THE RIVER. THEY ARE INSTALLING A NEW CYCLONE FILTER ON THEIR SHREDDER AND IT IS ALMOST COMPLETE AND IS ESTIMATED TO BE IN USE IN JUNE. THEY ARE ALSO INSTALLING A TERTIARY FILTRATION SYSTEM FOR THEIR YARD AND IT IS ABOUT HALF WAY DONE. I ASKED WHERE THE WATER WAS GOING TO BE DISCHARGED AND JEFF COULD NOT GIVE ME AN ANSWER. THERE WAS A MINOR AMOUNT OF BLUE SMOKE COMING FROM THE SHREDDER. THEY NEEDED TO RUN WATER ON THEIR SCRAP PILE BUT THEY HAD A BROKEN PIPE THAT I WAS TOLD WAS GOING TO BE FIXED LATER THIS DAY. 4/29/13, 493751

HERE WAS A MINOR AMOUNT OF PARTICULATE EMISSIONS FROM THE SHREDDER BUT FOR THE MOST PART WAS VAPOR. THEY ARE ALSO WORKING ON INSTALLING A SCRUBBING SYSTEM FOR THEIR SHREDDER AND ARE PURSUING THE NECESSARY PERMITS. 10/31/12, 457763

RTO

4AM is usually the time the RTO is turned on in preparation for the workload of the day, and once the machine is turned on it dispenses a large amount of steam, 2/26/2020 ID:11001377 (inspection in response to noise & toxic gas / vomiting complaint)

"Metal materials were being loaded by machine into the shredder. No dust emissions were noted to leave the immediate area of the conveyor to the shredder. I noted that there were emissions visible coming from machinery behind the building - i met J. Kallas (or JK, environmental manager) and he told me that these were mainly steam emissions, which were a part of the cleaning process (RTO) of emissions coming from the shredder." 1/30/20, ID:1501827

"There was observed just a water vapor coming from the newly installed RTO" 1/16/20, ID:1469863

they have recently added pollution control devices in addition to the filtering equipment already on the shredder that treat all emissions from it. 12/13/19, 10657412
There were observed just a water vapor coming from the newly installed RTO. 11/5/19, 1451164

"During canvassing there was no visible emissions observed (except the water vapor fro the RTO stack) neither odors were detected. . . . We observed facility operating at full capacity. RTO was not linked yet to the monitoring PC but manually the pressure drop, water with NAOH flow and temperature were accessible. Stack test instead to be conducted in October now will be conducted still by Mostardi Platt in November (CDPH will be witnessing the stack test). No NOV or DN was issued at this time. See attached images and site sketch." 9/16/19, 9895600

"Onsite, I spoke with Jeff Jones regarding the new regenerative thermal oxidizer (RTO) and wet scrubber that is downstream from the shredder. He explained that the new system is in operation to breakdown the VOCs before they are exhausted to the atmosphere. While we were discussing the new system, it was observed that steam was escaping the shredder. He stated that the shredder uses water and is not a closed system. Continuous use of the shredder and the shredding of metal produce huge outputs of heat. Most systems contain a water spray method to decrease the potential for an explosion, dust suppression, and to cool the shredder. Steam is produced from this process along with the volatilization other chemicals and materials placed in the shredder." 9/5/19, 9802564

explosions

Inspector "spoke to Jim and he informed me that there was an explosion in the shredder during the morning hours between 7:30AM - 7:40 AM. He said this is a common occurrence." 2/11/2020, ID 10929879 (issued NOVs)

"met JK to follow up due to an explosion incident on the previous day. he stated that they did have an explosion while feeding materials into the shredder. The operator cannot see that part of the shredder because it is covered by a hood so does not know what exploded. the operator heard and saw the explosion and responded by hitting the switch that dumps 90+ gallons of water under the hood. the operator logged the incident. the fire dept. did respond. . . . attached are the operator log and plant log." 9/13/17, 1140048

shredder issues

"the shredder seemed to be out of service at the time of the inspection. The conveyor belt to the shredder was not moving nor was there scrubber exhaust being produced." 9/19/19, 9935709

"Steam was observed leaving the top of the shredder while the new scrubber stack seemed to not be in operation at the time of inspection" 9/17/19, 9901819

"During this inspection, the shredder was observed to be inoperable since the conveyor belt to the shredder was not moving and mounds of raw material was stored higher than normal." 8/29/19, 9747470

"They had much more material onsite than normal. . . . I met Jeff (manager) he told me that the shredder was not in use due to a malfunction but they expected to have this repaired in the next day or so." 4/25/18, 1235829

"the main dump area contained much more material than normal. . . . I met Jim Kallas (or JK, environmental manager) he told me that a magnet on the shredder had burned out. A new had been ordered, arrived this morning, and would be installed today." 4/5/18, 1231305

operations are being slowed by a jammed part of the shredder. 1/27/15, 538868

Truck emissions

exhaust emissions were evident due to truck traffic to/from the facility and this being a street with constant vehicle traffic. 6/20/17, 3247181

SAFETY

found no smoke or odors beyond that of the exhaust emissions evident due to the constant in/out truck traffic. 2/10/17, 2380409
found no odors beyond that of the exhaust emissions evident due to the constant in/out truck traffic. 1/30/17, 2324165

- truck fire** "While there, a truck arrived and was still parked on the street when smoke began to come from some of the scrap on the truck and continued as it entered the site gate . . . General Iron personnel unloaded the smoking scrap and used extinguishers to put out the fire. Their yard manager rejected the truck and did not allow them to leave any scrap." 4/1/19, 8429665
I GAVE THEM THE SAME WARNING ABOUT TAKING DRUMS THAT WERE NOT FULLY RINSED OUT AND CONTAINED ANY RESIDUALS. I INFORMED THEM THAT THEY HAD TO TAKE THE DRUMS AND DEAL WITH THEM CORRECTLY OR NOT TAKE THEM AT ALL. I WAS TOLD THAT THEY WOULD DEAL WITH THEM IN THE PROPER MANNER AND NOT TAKE THEM IF THERE WAS RESIDUALS IN THEM. 3/20/13, 491495
- haz mat**
- pressure vessels** I MET J. KALLAS (OR JK, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER) AND TOURED THE SITE. AT THE AREA FOR PRESSURE VESSELS, I NOTED A FEW THAT WERE STORED UPRIGHT WITHOUT PROTECTIVE CAPS OR BEING CHAINED/STRAPPED ?JK SHOWED ME THAT THESE HAD BEEN VENTED AND THEIR VALVES REMOVED. PHOTO A) PRESSURE VESSELS REINSPECTION IN 1 MONTH. 1/9/2020, 1479398
"At the area for pressure vessels, I noted a few that were stored upright without protective caps or being chained/strapped. I had previously told JK to have this addressed for safety purposes and today this continues. I stressed with the person in charge of this area to have this done every time. " 6/28/18, 1268331
"At the area for pressure vessels, I noted a few that were stored upright without protective caps or being chained/strapped. I told JK to have this addressed for safety purposes. Between the pressure vessels and the nonferrous plant had metal scrap in it that should be in the materials pile. this will be addressed. . . . the conveyor to load the barge was not currently in use." 5/9/18, 1239682
at the pressure vessel storage area, tanks w/o caps are stored upright but not restrained (by chain, strap) this to be addressed immediately. 3/31/16, 830775
- dangerous storage** I noted a few deficiencies: at the offload station (by trucks, at the shredder), incoming loads were noticeably dusty and causing clouds of dust as materials hit the ground. In the supply area, some of the stored drums (hydraulic oil, kerosene) had materials piled on top or lacked secondary containment. . . . JC stated that there is a water sprayer dedicated to the offload area but did not know why it wasn't operating. he will have this addressed immediately. he will also ensure that all drums are stored properly. 4/25/16, 842777
I DECIDED TO INSPECT THE MECHANICS SHOP AND WAS SURPRISED AT WHAT I HAD FOUND. I FOUND A DRUM THAT WAS ALMOST CRUSHED AND THE BOTTOM WITH SEVER RUST DAMAGE. THIS DRUM CONTAINED A COMPOUND USED FOR PATCHING CONCRETE AND THE LABEL ON THE DRUM WARNED THAT THE FUMES WERE EXPLOSIVE. THIS DRUM WAS NEXT TO AN AREA WHERE LARGE DIESEL TANKS RESIDED, WELDING AND GRINDING TOOK PLACE AND OTHER REPAIR ACTIVITIES. ABOVE THE DIESEL TANK AND THROUGHOUT THE SHOP WERE OPEN ELECTRICAL JUNCTION BOXES. THERE WERE OILY RAGS ON THE FLOOR, OILY OIL DRY AND OTHER OIL SOAKED ITEMS ON THE FLOOR. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS WERE WITHER MISSING, ON THE FLOOR, NOT LABELED OR BLOCKED. THERE WERE PROPANE TANKS IN THE SHOP, SOME EMPTY AND SOME FULL. I ALSO WITNESSED AN EMPLOYEE GRINDING A PIECE OF METAL AND ALLOWING THE SPARKS TO FALL DIRECTLY ONTO AN OPEN FORKLIFT WITH THE BATTERY EXPOSED AND THE PROPANE TANK DIRECTLY BEHIND IT. I SPOKE WITH JIM KALLAS AND INFORMED HIM THAT ALL OF THESE ISSUES AND MORE MUST BE RECTIFIED BY THE TIME I RE-INSPECT THE FACILITY. 12/21/10
WHEN I INSPECTED THE SHOP I FOUND THAT THERE WERE SOME POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATIONS. THE FIRST WAS A WORKER GRINDING METAL AND THE SPARKS WERE HITTING A PROPANE TANK ON A FORKLIFT. THE OTHERS WERE SCATTERED AROUND THE SHOP AND THEY INCLUDED STEEL DRUMS ON CONCRETE, ONE WITH A BAG OF SALT ON IT, THERE WERE NO CONTAINMENT PALETTES FOR THESE DRUMS. THERE WERE ALSO SITUATIONS WHERE FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS WERE WITHIN PROXIMITY OF ELECTRICAL OUTLETS AND ONE SITUATION WHERE KEROSENE AND GAS PROPPED UP AGAINST TWO 250 GALLON USED OIL TANKS NEXT TO A BREAKER BOX. THE SOLVENT TUB WAS ALSO NEXT TO AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET WHICH WAS OPEN AND HAD A BIRDS NEST IN IT. THERE WAS ALSO GASOLINE AND OTHER FLAMMABLES NEXT TO IT. I ALSO FOUND THAT THEY HAD A CABINET WITH MULTIPLE BOTTLES OF SPRAY PAINT IN IT AND I WAS TOLD THAT THEY ARE USING IT FOR TOUCH UP. I INFORMED THEM OF THE ORDINANCES AND WILL CHECK WITH MY OFFICE AND THEN BACK WITH THEM. THERE WAS ALSO A DRUM OF WATER WITH ANTIFREEZE RESIDUE IN IT CRUSHED UNDER A LARGE IRON PLATE. THERE WAS LEAK AND THE DRUM WAS PICKED UP AND DISPOSED OF. 1/19/10
- fire** hazmat call & fire on dec. 11, 2015. fire in trailer. Talked w/ Adam the owner of general iron. There was a fuel dispensing pump in the load that probably contained fuel. There was a 500 allon UST in the trailer and a possible propane tank. There was also roughly 10' of material behind the tank so it was not known if there were more fuel pumps behind it. trailer parked away from their yard on kingsbury street. 12/11/15, 805587
f/u due to a fire that had taken place over the weekend. Apparently, a materials pile had spontaneously erupted/combusted. It had happened during a down time and the pile was not being manipulated - the cause remains unidentified. One possibility being considered is that some self-cleaning ovens were known to combust while being shredded due to one of the interior components. 12/7/15, 804947
GENERAL IRON PERSONNEL MR. MESH AND MR. TRANT WERE INTERVIEWED BY CDPH WITH REGARDS TO THE FIRE DURING THE INCIDENT. AT THE TIME THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS UNDETERMINED BY GENERAL IRON, BUT MR. MESH STATED IT MAY BE RELATED TO VEHICLE BATTERIES OR SELF-CLEANING OVENS IN THE UNPROCESSED SCRAP PILE THAT CAUGHT FIRE. APPARENTLY THESE TWO TYPES OF ITEMS CAN PRODUCE A CHARGE OR SPARK IF NOT MANAGED PROPERLY OR REMOVED. 12/6/15, 802128

Fencing

"photo A) section of perimeter fence not obscuring the facility as outlined in permit special condition #21, this to be addressed by reinspection. Photo B) a portion of the perimeter wall adjacent to the river had been missing, this had been addressed by the addition of cement to close the space." 2/17/16, 809093. still appears to be an issue on 3/31/16, 830775

photo A) a portion of the perimeter wall adjacent to the river is missing, threatening possible infiltration to the waters if left unaddressed. This to be addressed by reinspection. 12/7/15.
804947

Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Tom Meyer
Subject: RE: [External] General III LLC Public Hearing

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Good morning Mr. Meyer,

I apologize for not getting back to you sooner. Thank you for your comments, which I will include as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary, which will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions, whether written or oral, submitted at the hearing or during the time the hearing record is open. The responsiveness summary will also provide a statement of the Agency's final action. All speakers and those that submit written comments during the comment period will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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From: Tom Meyer <tomrmeyer3@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:37 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General III LLC Public Hearing

Hi Jeff,

I'm writing today to voice my opposition to the proposed move of General Iron to 11600 S. Burley, and to encourage much stricter air quality and pollution regulations be put in place on the facility if it remains in Lincoln Park or moves elsewhere in the city.

I live in Gold Coast and frequently shop, eat, and visit friends near the current General Iron location so I have a vested interest in the facility being required to protect the health and welfare of its current community. But moving the facility to a different neighborhood does nothing to address that issue and simply puts others at risk. It is an unacceptable plan.

Those of who are currently exposed to emissions from the facility stand in opposition to exposing others to its pollution for our supposed benefit. I strongly hope that a plan can be developed that preserves General Iron's future as a business while protecting the community in which it operates.

If there is a different avenue through which I should submit my written comment on this matter, please kindly directly me there.

Sincerely,
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From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom
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To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron Is Not For The East Side

Hello,

My name is Theodora Cunningham, and I am a concerned resident of Chicago, Illinois. There is significant reason to believe that General Iron is out of compliance with state and federal regulations for environmental safety. They sustained several violations in their current operation in Lincoln Park, and there is no reason to believe they will not continue their legacy of wreaking environmental havoc on residents of the East Side. Residents DO NOT WANT General Iron as neighbors--please respect that by denying their permit.

Theodora Cunningham, MA, LPC, NCC

Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Matt Kraemer
Subject: RE: General Iron Explosion - 5/18/2020 + Street cleaners

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Mr. Kramer,

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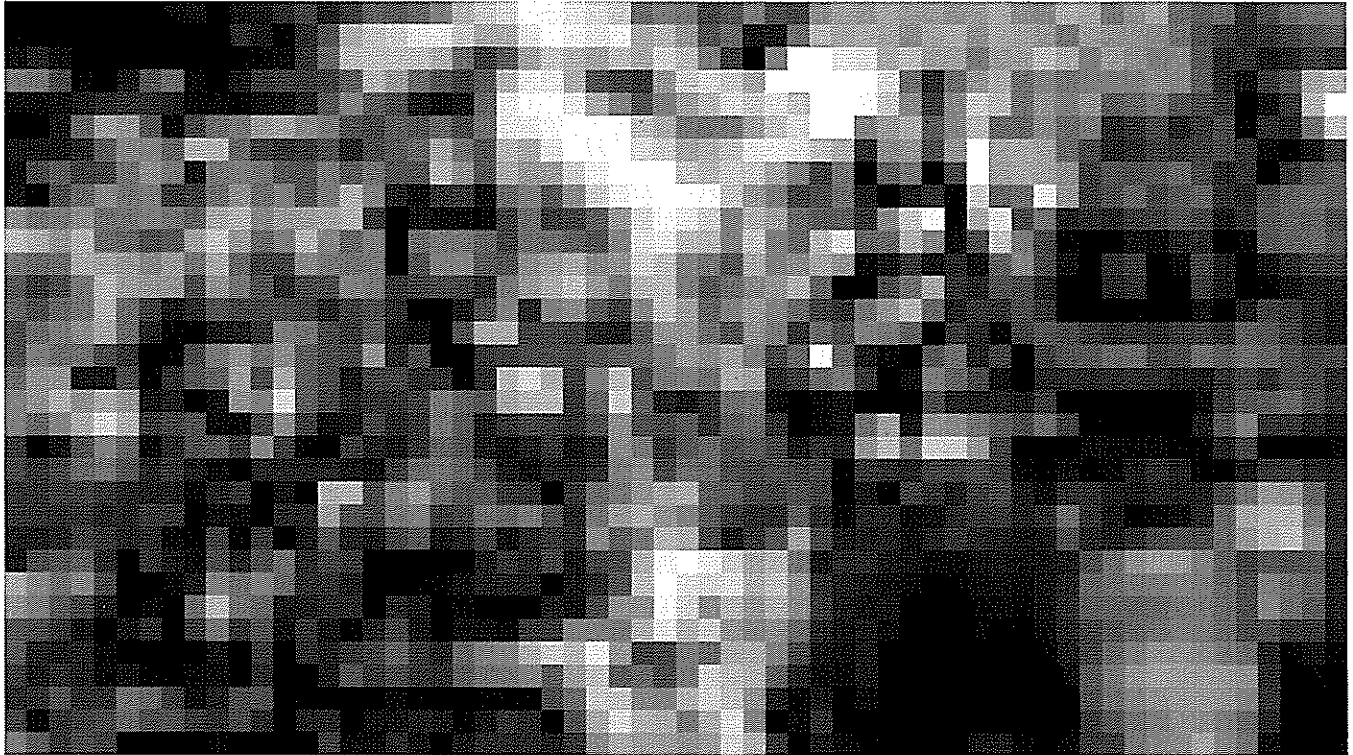


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<https://blockclubchicago.org/2020/05/18/major-explosion-and-fire-at-general-iron-scrap-plant-rocks-neighborhood/>

I'd also like to comment that **they send out employees every day to sweep public sidewalks and street gutters to clean up their shredded fluff**--sometimes on streets and sidewalks that are two blocks away from their facilities. I think they're trying to pull a fast one on you and not complying with regulations.

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Major Explosion At General Iron Scrap Plant Rocks Neighborhood, Company Suggests 'Potential Sabotage'

"It shook our whole place, the whole building shook," a nearby resident said. "We could see some smoke coming up immediately."

MAY 18, 2020 9:33AM CDT LINCOLN PARK, OLD TOWN

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LINCOLN PARK — An explosion rocked a controversial metal shredding plant on the banks of the Chicago River's North Branch Monday morning, sending a plume of smoke into the air and hazardous material response teams to the scene.

No one was hurt in the 9:10 a.m. blast at the General Iron scrap plant at 1909 N. Clifton Ave., officials said.

Chicago Fire Department spokesperson Larry Merritt confirmed the explosion took place on the shredder's conveyor system. Upon arrival, he said, firefighters tested the air quality and found "no apparent immediate health risk." The Chicago Department of Public Health performed further testing and evaluation, Merritt said.

"Should any environmental violation be determined, the city will issue citations immediately," he said. "Work at the site has stopped as a result of the incident and will not resume until the city has determined the cause of the explosion. The health and safety of Chicago's residents remain a top priority, and we will continue to provide more information as details are gathered."

Witnesses on the scene and blocks away reported two loud blasts in succession. Although there were initial reports of an ensuing fire, a spokesman for the company denied that.

What caused the blast wasn't immediately clear, although the company spokesman raised the idea of "sabotage."

"Shredding operations have ceased for the present time," General Iron spokesman Randall Samborn said in a statement. "We are thoroughly investigating all possible causes, including potential sabotage. We are fully cooperating with city officials."

He declined to elaborate on the sabotage suggestion, saying, "We have no further information to provide at this time and we're not going to speculate. Suffice to say what happened this morning was not normal. We will conduct a thorough investigation that looks at all possibilities."



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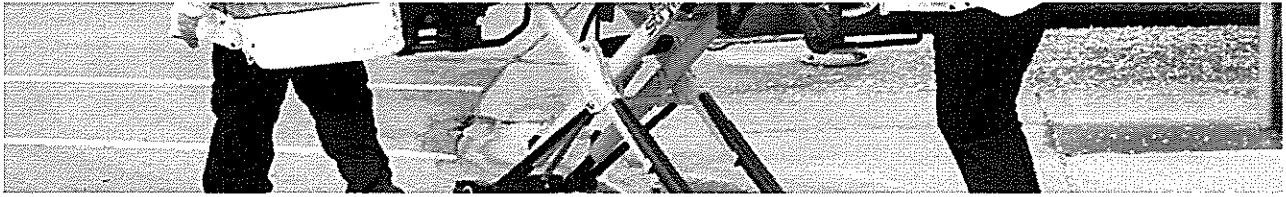
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The blast happened within the metal shredding process, he said

Ald. Brian Hopkins (2nd) described it as “major explosion and fire” that led to a “sudden increase” in pollution readings. Pollution from the plant has long been protested by Lincoln Park neighbors. General Iron is already slated to leave the neighborhood for the Far South Side’s East Side neighborhood. Hopkins said he want it shut down now.

“Permanent and immediate closure of this hazardous facility is no longer a discussion point, it must happen NOW, by executive order,” Hopkins tweeted.





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Ald. Michele Smith (43rd) said she spoke with Mayor Lori Lightfoot’s staff and will receive details on what happened later in the day.

major explosion and fire at General Iron this morning. sudden increase in pollution readings detected in surrounding residential neighborhood. Permanent and immediate closure of this hazardous facility is no longer a discussion point, it must happen NOW, by executive order. pic.twitter.com/OddESmFwk6

— Alderman Hopkins (@AldermanHopkins) [May 18, 2020](#)

I have been on the phone with the Chief of Staff to @chicagosmayor regarding this morning's events at the General Iron, and will receive a briefing later today with full details.

— Ald. Michele Smith (@AldermanSmith43) [May 18, 2020](#)

Albert Muniz, an employee of General Iron, told a Block Club reporter the explosions were simultaneous.”It felt like we were getting bombed,” Muniz said.

An employee of General Iron who asked not to be named told a Block Club reporter on the scene he heard two explosions, back to back.

“We might be unemployed now,” he said.



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In Lincoln Park, it felt like an “earthquake” inside the home of Jillian Dixon. The shaking feeling was followed by two “loud booms,” she said.

“It shook our whole place, the whole building shook,” she said. “We could see some smoke coming up immediately.”

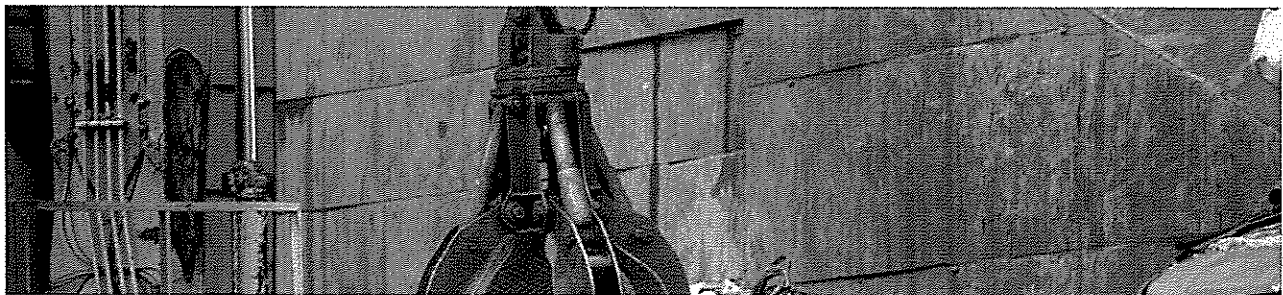
Dixon quickly saw two to three fire trucks, a “handful” of police cars and ambulance arrive on the scene.

I'm here now at General Iron Industries after reports of loud noises heard throughout the neighborhood. More information via @CWBCChicago's thread (quoted below) #ChicagoScanner <https://t.co/KWWzJjUfep> pic.twitter.com/RWqgU4DJYw

— Colin Boyle (@colinbphoto) [May 18, 2020](#)

From across the river in Bucktown, workers at Local Foods, 1427 W. Willow St., heard and saw what appeared to be a fiery explosion, said Jamie Phelps Proctor.

“We all heard the loud explosion from inside the Local Food store. It shook the building and the windows,” he said. “We could see smoke starting to rise across the river. We went outside and saw the gray smoke rising from one of the buildings. ... The smoke kept rising and started to smell. There were lots of sirens audible within less than a minute of the explosion.”





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Iain Whitaker, another neighbor, said he also witnessed an “explosion” that “shook the houses” nearby.

“I ran out to investigate and it appears that one of the buildings at the site collapsed due to the incident,” he said. “This is just another reason General Iron needs to be closed down immediately. They are not only poisoning the air we breathe but putting the neighborhood in danger.”

By 9:30 a.m. the smoke dissipated, Phelps Proctor said.

Dixon, in Lincoln Park, hoped the incident would propel Lightfoot to shut down the metal shredder during the coronavirus pandemic — a move neighbors have been pleading the mayor to consider for months.

“This is just another example of why it’s important to get it shut down,” she said. “It feels like an egregious use of resources right now, to send out emergency personnel ... [increase their] exposure.”

Gov. JB Pritzker said at an unrelated news conference Monday that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency also is looking into the explosion.

“We’re actually, as you can imagine, paying very close attention, want to make sure people are kept safe,” Pritzker said.



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General Iron plans to relocate to 11600 S. Burley Ave. by the end of the year. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency must first issue an “air pollution control construction permit,” which neighbors protested in a public meeting last week.

Last fall, General Iron promised Lightfoot and Hopkins to leave the North Side.

That agreement followed a 2015 fire, a 2016 city-ordered shutdown, a 2017 harassment lawsuit and a 2018 citation for excessive air emissions.

Lincoln Park neighbors have long complained about the health risks associated with fluff, a substance that routinely coats the neighborhood’s sidewalks, roads, porches and playgrounds.

The Environmental Protection Agency defines fluff as “fugitive dust.”

An air quality monitoring device is currently being used by Hopkins and neighbors to monitor the PM2.5 in the air near General Iron. You can see the ratings [here](#).





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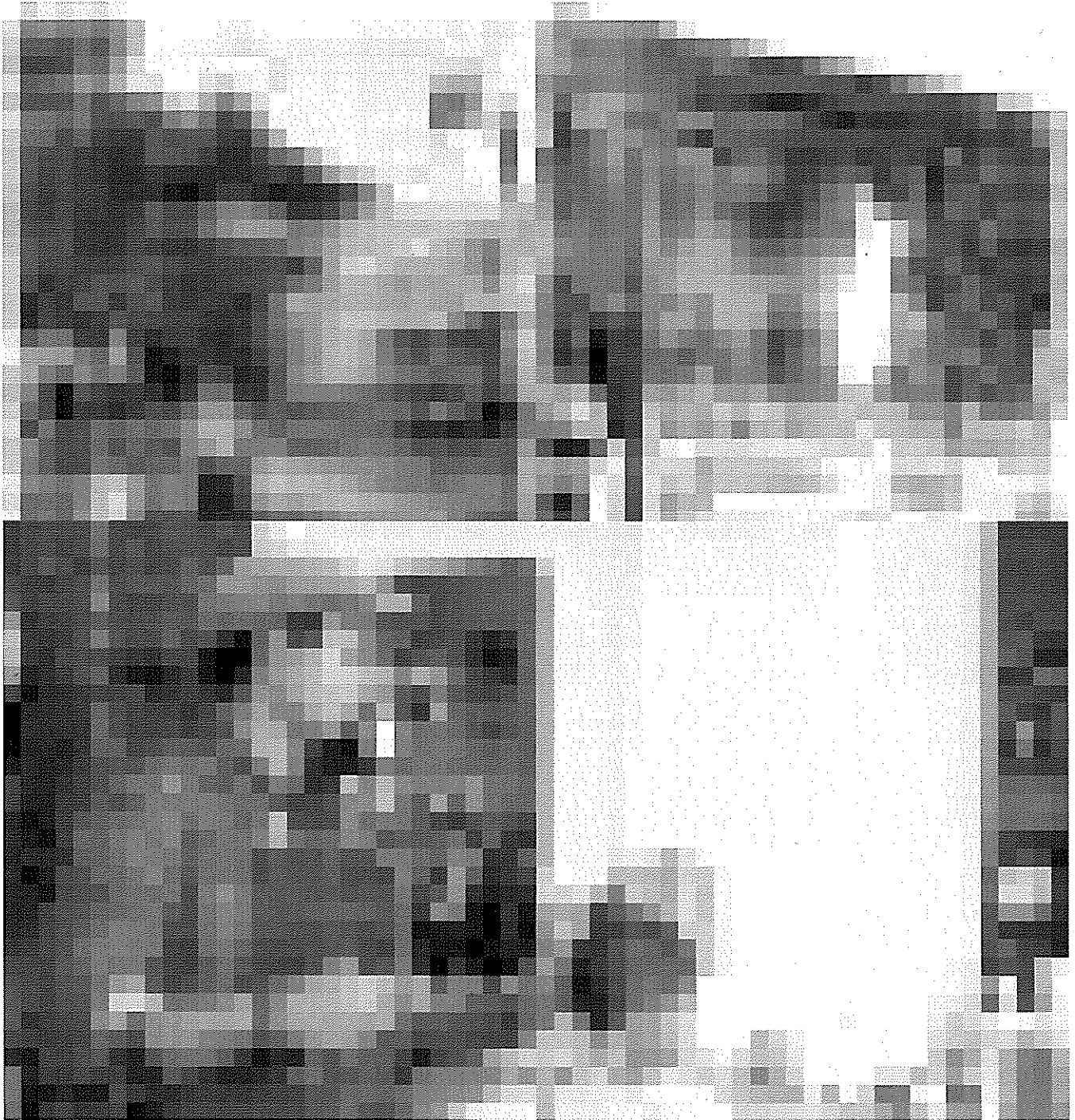
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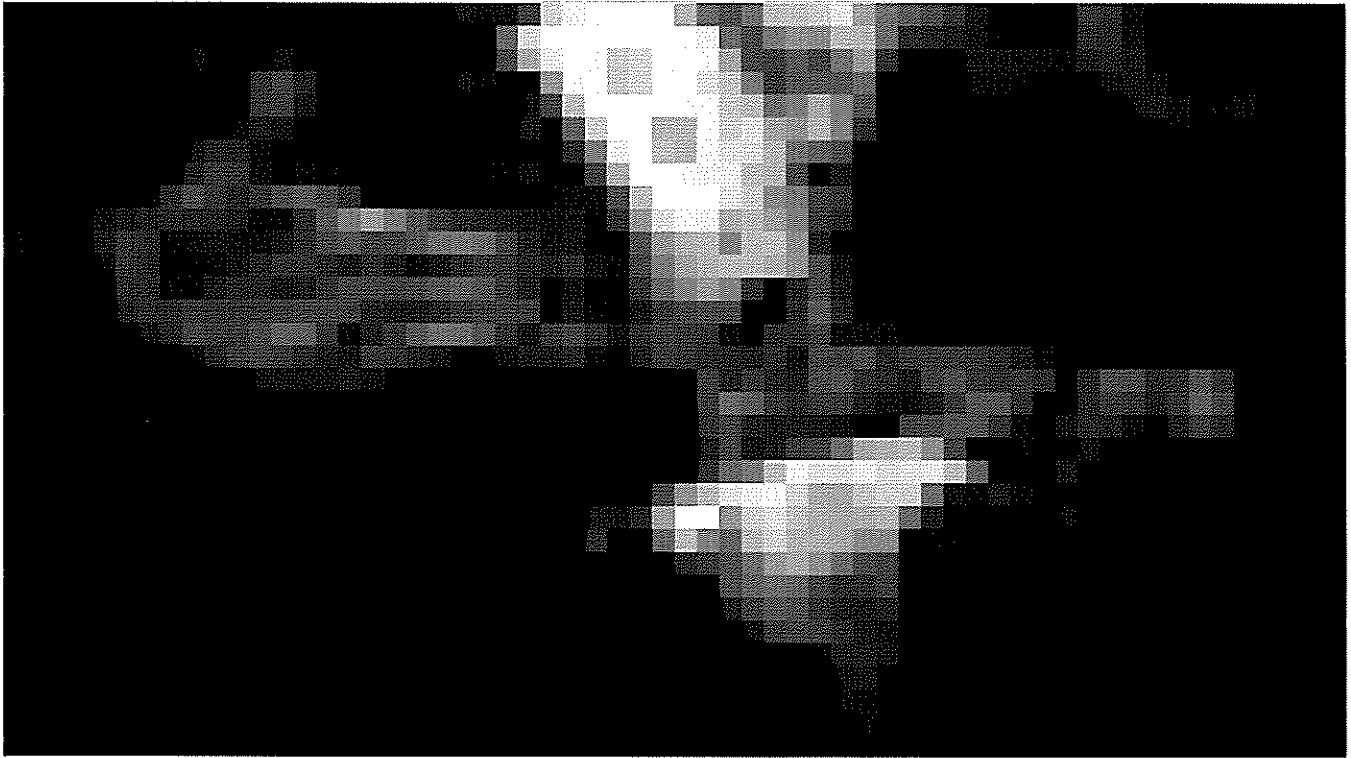
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No Walk-ins, No Magazines, No Blowouts: Salons, Barber Shops Prepare To Reopen With New Safety Measures

Hair stylists are stocking up on protective gear and changing the way they work as salons prepare to reopen later this month.

Hannah Alani

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BRONZEVILLE, NEAR SOUTH SIDE

Chicago Designers, Stalled By Coronavirus Pandemic, Shift To Making Masks

Two local designers and two other Chicago-area companies have been contracted to make 1 million masks to boost the city's stockpile.

Maxwell Evans

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Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which I will include as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary, which will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions, whether written or oral, submitted at the hearing or during the time the hearing record is open. The responsiveness summary will also provide a statement of the Agency's final action. All speakers and those that submit written comments during the comment period will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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To whom it may concern,

I implore you not to move this plant to the East Side of Chicago. Where they plan to move to is near a park and schools, near where children go to learn. If the North Side did not want them there, what makes you think we want them here with us?

Relatives in my family and many people I know here suffer from asthma and moving this plant here will for sure make their health conditions worse. It honestly feels like there is no compassion for the residents of the East Side. Our lives and families are JUST as important and valuable as those who live on the North Side. We do not deserve this pollution any more than they do.

We are tired of companies pulling out of white communities and relocating their pollution to our neighborhoods of color. It is highly unfair and unjust.

Please reconsider having them come here. I am not sure where you would want to move the plant, but it should NOT be here. Our children and residents deserve a safe place to live and clean, unpolluted air to breathe. Please do not bring this plant to the East Side of Chicago.

Thank you,
Danielle Austin-Cano

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Ms. Joshua,

Thank you. The written comments will be included a part of the hearing record. Also, Mr. Watson is now registered to provide comments during the 6pm hearing session today.

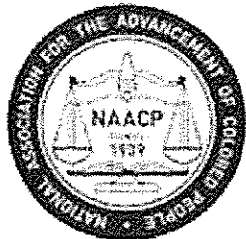
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Chicago Southside

Please find attached our written response in opposition to General III, LLC's application for permit to construct a scrap metal facility on Chicago's south side.

Attorney Damon Watson from NAACPCSS Environmental Climate Justice Committee will be providing comments at the public hearing today at 6:00 p.m. His written comments are attached. If you would like to attend the hearing please join:

The connection instructions, in addition to the Agency's opening/closing statements, can be found at the following link: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notice/boanotices/Pages/default.aspx> under General III LLC.

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General III, LLC,

Application No. : 19090021

**Public Hearing Comments
(Evening Session)**

OPPOSITION TO CONSTRUCTION OF SCRAP METAL RECYCLING PLANT

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on General III's scrap metal recycling facility application. These comments are submitted to present the position of the NAACP Chicago Southside in its opposition to General III, LLC's application for a permit to construct a scrap metal facility on Chicago south east side as a general principle and particularly at this time. The application can clearly be said to be deeply insensitive in its operation and its timing. It presents a clear and present danger to the security of Chicago's south east side communities and we are confident that after a fair consideration of the facts, policies, and evidence, you will agree.

INTRODUCTION

The long overdue elevation of public health over corporate profits is as welcome as a lifesaving measure as the General III's application is tone deaf, if not superfluous. In the time of this pandemic, this hearing provides this regulatory agency an opportunity to

consider the stark and undeniable disparities in health and mortality. For years, community members throughout Chicago, especially South Shore, have endured chronic exposure to toxic pollutants and degraded health. This pandemic makes clear that those living in Chicago, particularly the more polluted areas, are conspicuously less likely to survive a COVID infection than those not from the area. Like never before, this is the time for regulators to take a closer look at this application and consider the argument, applicable laws, evidence, city and state policy, and ultimately the moral good of the communities before you.

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Illinois Protection Agency (IEPA) should deny the construction of a non-essential facility whose construction and operation aggravates pre-existing medical and demographic vulnerabilities to an ongoing pandemic?

Yes. Government leaders have denied permits based solely on complaints about air pollution. In fact, some leaders are zealous about closing existing facilities where they receive complaints of physical reactions to plant emissions.

2. Should the IEPA deny the construction of a facility using and storing combustible agents and toxic chemicals when the proposed site is near sensitive receptors?

Yes. The governor and the mayor have issued and enforced orders intended to save lives.

3. Can the IEPA deny the application for the construction of an additional emissions facility when the proposed location is near several other similar polluters?

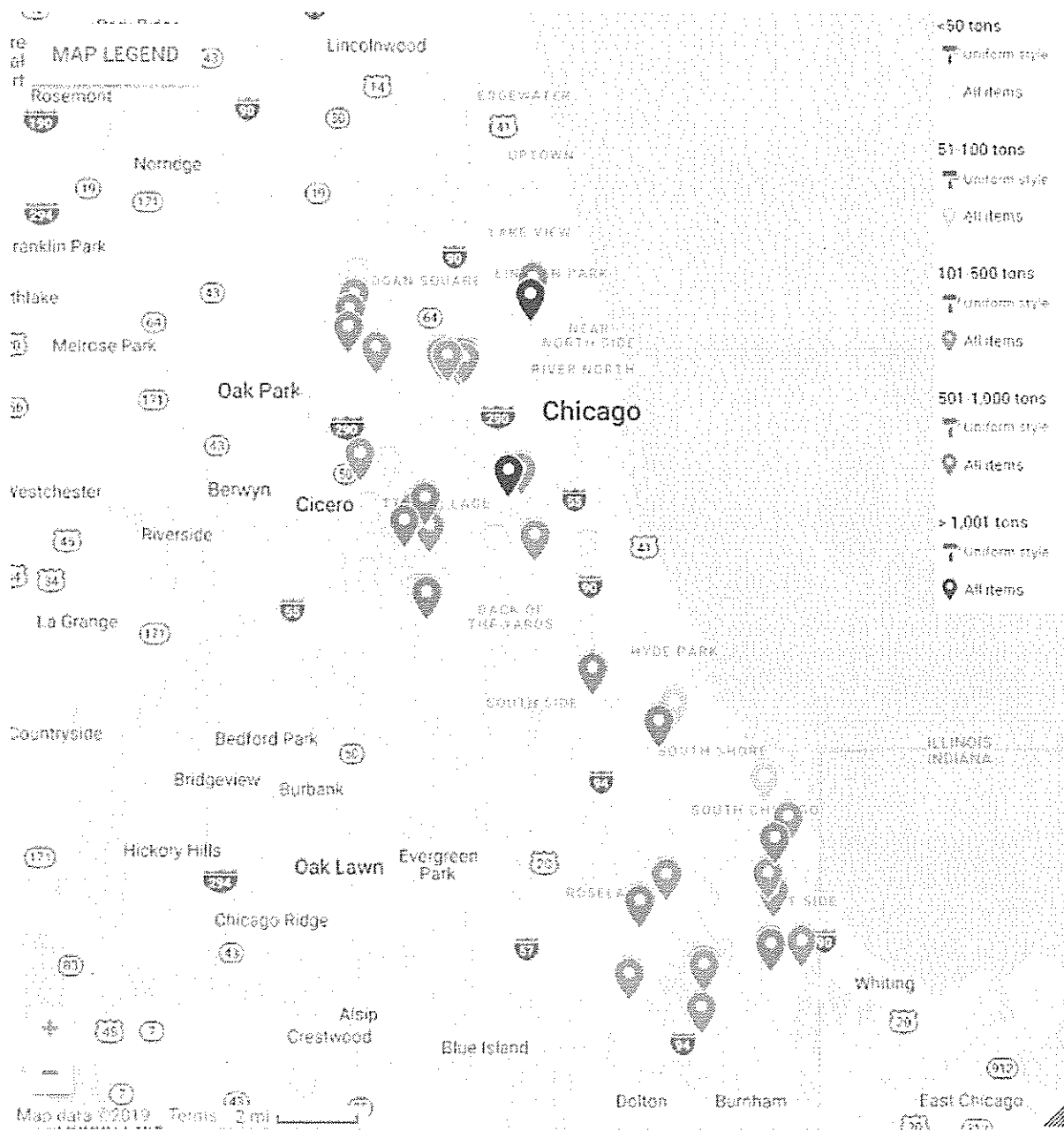
Yes. Doing otherwise is literally granting a license to further enable the travel and lethality of coronavirus.

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

A. Scrap Metal Recycling in Chicago

On an annual basis, the US processes 56 million tons of scrap iron and steel, including 10 million tons of scrap automobiles, along with millions of additional tons of other scrap

metals. Communities where recycling facilities are located are often more vulnerable and already overburdened by other facilities and the truck traffic that accompanies them. Chicago is no exception, the threat of significant, adverse, and disproportionate impacts associated with concentrated industrial facilities and attendant vehicles are evidenced in neighborhoods on the southeast and southwest of Chicago. Large recycling facilities cluster in these communities, as well as Chicago's west side, where there cumulative impacts are heightened due to not only this physical proximity, but also the socio-demographics of the surrounding community.



B. South Side Public Health Concerns

Anjali Waikar, staff attorney for NRDC Environmental Justice Program, provides, “Environmental justice really reflects the fundamental reality that vulnerable communities are all too often subject to the disproportionate burden of pollution and contamination.”

C. Coronavirus Disproportionately Claims Lives of Black Chicagoans

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness caused by a virus called SARS-CoV-2. Symptoms often include cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell. Our understanding of how the virus spreads is evolving as we learn more about it, so check the Center for Disease (CDC) website for the latest information.

On April 6, 2020, Mayor Lori Lightfoot declared a public health red alarm about racial disparity in COVID-19 deaths in response to the revelation that 70% of the 86 Chicago residents dying from coronavirus were African-Americans despite only making up 29% of the population.

D. Social-Distancing Orders are Issued

On March 20, 2020, Governor J.B. Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-10, Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 8), directing “all individuals currently living within the State of Illinois...to stay home” except as necessary for “Essential Activities, Essential Government Functions, or to operate Essential Businesses and Operations.” Nonessential businesses were directed to cease all but minimum basic operations such as maintaining inventory, ensuring the safety of facilities and equipment, process payroll/benefits, and facilitating their employees’ ability to work remotely. In contrast, Section 7 of the order allows individuals to leave home to work for or obtain services through Healthcare and Public Health Operations. Healthcare and Public Health Operations are defined broadly to include any entity involved in the manufacture, supply, and/or delivery of healthcare services. Shortly thereafter, a state lawmaker challenged the Executive Order in court under the theory it was taking an unfair economic toll on his constituents. The judge granted the challenger’s prayer for relief, but only as to him. The governor appealed. One is one too many. Allowing one to slide invites others to try when the order relies on collective action to keep people safe. Illinois has reported more than 48,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases and more than 2,000 deaths. Pritzker says the danger

has not passed yet, and credits the stay-at-home order with flattening the curve and drastically slowing the number of cases in Illinois. "I know the virus is causing devastating consequences, just as it has caused tens of thousands to become ill and thousands to die, and responsible people understand the consequences of opening too early."

On March 20, 2020, the Department of Public Health issued an order requiring residents with respiratory symptoms like cough, fever, or shortness of breath to stay home. Chicago's Mayor Lori Lightfoot issued a stay-at-home order to remain in effect until April 30th. Also, Governor J.B. Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-10, Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 directing all individuals currently living within the State of Illinois to stay home except for essential activities, essential government functions, or to operate essential businesses and operations. It was then extended on April 30th to May 30th.

On April 30, 2020, Governor J.B. Pritzker issued Executive Order 2020-32, Executive Order in Response to COVID-19. This new order modifies the previous shelter-in-place order to extend it to May 30, 2020.

On March 20, 2020, Mayor Lori Lightfoot issued a stay-at-home order to remain in effect until April 30th. She further referenced a Department of Public Health order issued earlier in the day requiring "residents with respiratory symptoms like cough, fever, or shortness of breath" to stay home. "If you are beginning to feel sick - body aches, fatigue, sore throat - you too are ordered to stay home unless seeking medical care, or other essentials like food," Lightfoot said. "If you violate this order, there will be consequences. Be smart, be safe, and stay home if you are sick. That's an order." Earlier Thursday, Chicago Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady signed a public health order, referenced in Lightfoot's speech. It requires residents with confirmed coronavirus illness or who are exhibiting symptoms of the illness to stay home. Anyone who violates the order may be issued a citation, according to Lightfoot's office.

According to Lightfoot's office, "COVID-19 illness" means demonstrating symptoms of acute respiratory disease, including, but not limited to, new onset of fever, cough, shortness of breath, congestion in the nasal sinuses or lungs, sore throat, body aches, or unusual fatigue. A person is considered to have COVID-19 illness until such person is free of fever (100.4 F (38.0 C) or greater using an oral thermometer), and any of the other symptoms described herein, for at least 72 hours, without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines (e.g. cough suppressants).

The new rules will remain in effect until the health department makes a determination that the threat posed to public health has diminished.

E. General III, LLC Seeks to Add Yet Another Plant

General III, LLC has applied for a Construction Permit for a scrap metal recycling plant to be located at 11600 South Burley Avenue in Chicago. This plant is required to obtain an air pollution control construction permit prior to beginning construction because it is a new source that contains emission units that are not exempt from the obligation to obtain a construction permit pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 201.146. The Illinois EPA has prepared a draft of the construction permit that it would propose to issue for the construction of the plant. However, before issuing the permit, the Illinois EPA is holding a public comment period to receive comments on this proposed action and the terms and conditions of the draft permit that it would propose to issue. The new facility will receive recyclable material such as End of Life Vehicles, used appliances, and metal scrap material to be shredded and processed in a variety of metal products, such as ferrous and non-ferrous materials.

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RELEVANT POLICIES

1. The importance of a person's feeling of assurance as to his security while social distancing in his own home away from unwanted, potentially deadly, contact with another person whether by physical contact or exposure to their emissions is paramount.

2. Chicago's south side residents experiencing respiratory symptoms like cough, fever, and shortness of breath who are under the Department of Public Health's March 20th order to stay home have a right to be free from unnecessary confusion as to whether their symptoms are from coronavirus or scrap metal emissions.

IV

ANALYSIS

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Unanticipated potential cancer risk near metal recycling facilities provides a 2013 case study of Houston communities' experience with a single recycler. Two highlighted points are:

Air monitoring study conducted by the Houston Department of Health and Human Services in response to community complaints found metal contamination.¹

The city received at least 189 calls over five years through its 311 help line in the early morning and the middle of the night complaining of red smoke, yellow smoke, explosions, fire, and a child with trouble breathing. Similarly, in Birmingham, the city council hosted a public hearing concerning Jordan Industrial Services' application for a scrap metal processors license and its proposal to build a scrap-processing yard in Acipco-Finley neighborhood in the city's blighted and industrialized north side. Jordan's attorney argued that the company's former tenant, the Kimmerling Truck Parts and Equipment, left the property a "pretty bad eyesore" in the community, but that Jordan worked to clean up the property where it proposed to establish the scrap-processing yard.

The city denied the application after several neighbors testified that the property was generating air pollution. Another person who resided near Jordan's scrap metal plant in Avondale said the processing yard regularly emitted clouds of smoke that "give you a

headache immediately.” After unanimously rejecting Jordan’s application, attention shifted to the loose end. “What are we going to do about the one in Avondale as well as this one?” asked Councilor Sheila Tyson. “You’ve got to kill both roaches, because they multiply...If you need to pull one, if it ain’t good for the community, you gotta pull both of them. Shut them down!”

Metal recyclers found to potentially pose cancer from metal particulates.

HDHHS monitoring outside recycler facilities found metal particulates in outdoor ambient air at carcinogenic levels.

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INTERSECTION OF POLLUTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

Environmental contamination and public health are inextricably linked. A recent article addresses the intersection of COVID-19 and industrial pollution. It is clear that elevated Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) are likely to lead to respiratory irritation and nuisance dust. Elevated lead levels may lead to behavioral and developmental problems in young children and cardiovascular risks in adults. Elevated metal concentrations may contribute to adverse health conditions including cancer. A review carried out by the Minnesota Department of Health has found that air quality issues may cause potential harm over a long period.

1. Illinois’ coronavirus status

Officials report record-high 4,014 new known cases as the state conducts the largest number of tests in 24-hour period with nearly 30,000.

2. Chicago’s South Shore experience with coronavirus:

The racial disparities have already shown that although Chicago’s black population is 30 percent, the percentage of black deaths is nearly 60 percent. As of April 6th, there were

over 100 black deaths. By April 17th, there were 267. The Chicago neighborhoods with the highest mortality rates have are at least 88% black.

COVID-19	TOP 5	APR 6	APR 17
AREA	POPULATION	DEAD	DEAD
SOUTH SHORE	52408	7	22
ENGLEWOOD	61010	6	23
AUBURN GRESHAM	47828	6	17
CHATHAM	29974	5	12
AUSTIN	87695	5	19

Proposed Location of the Scrap Metal Recycling Facility

General Ill proposes to open the scrap metal plant, with all of its emissions, at 11600 South Burley Avenue. This places it in South Shore area.

TIP: Extra care must be taken to ensure this address is not in a place that disturbs or endangers sensitive land uses.

QUESTION FOR IL EPA

Have you used a Geographical Information System (GIS) tool to evaluate the proximity of sensitive receptors (child care facilities, health care facilities, census housing data, and kindergarten through twelfth-grade schools, to metal shredding facilities and landfills that accept chemically treated metal shredder residue?

ANSWER: The proposed site is only 6.9 miles/15 minutes from the Symphony South Shore senior home where 111 residents have contracted Coronavirus. This is entirely too dangerous.

The company has significant pollution exposure which is excluded from its commercial general liability insurance coverage. If wastes (e.g. oil soaked metal turnings) are mishandled, a pollution incident could occur resulting in significant damage, injuries, cleanup costs, and fines. The location of the company's warehouse/shop is in a light industrial area of Houston that is rapidly becoming a residential area. The influx of residential dwellings such as apartments and single households create a greater risk for pollution claims.

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CONSTRUCTION AND FLUGITIVE EMISSIONS CONTAINMENT

Fugitive emissions can result from a variety of sources such as handling the soil and using demolitions. Metal shredders are typical sources.

Questions for the State

- With so many sources of fugitive emissions, General III's containment measures – even if reasonable and lawful – can only be marginally effective.
- The public is entitled to demand a presentation of the company's investment in containment measures for every source of emissions.

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MATERIAL STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

There are several questions the public should ask.

Does the company intend to rely on the land disposal method wherein it disposes of hazardous waste on or into land such as waste piles, deep-well injection, or co-burial with municipal garbage?

If the company does use waste piles, what measures will the company take to ensure the stored waste does not migrate via wind, surface water, or ground water?

Specify the monitoring and leak detection measures you will employ to accomplish this?

Does the company intend to keep the pH of its top soil above 6.5 or higher in order to limit metal migration?

Metal shredding facilities generate hundreds of thousands of tons of waste including shredded scrap metal, metal shredder aggregate, metal shredder residue and chemically treated metal shredder residue. Does the company have enough?

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HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS TO RECYCLING WORKERS

The acquisition and recycling of hazardous waste material has been trending in the manufacturing and construction industries. Nuclear or radioactive materials have been typically excluded from coverages in the conventional market but these risk exposures can be covered through a captive insurance company.

In the case of the scrap metal recycling industry, dioxin exposures pose a threat to ill-prepared businesses. The Occupational Safety & Health Administration defines Dioxins as the collective name for a group of chemicals that have been linked to a skin condition called 'chloracne,' concerns about male infertility, and cancer. In the recycling industry, high temperatures from the melting of metal, organic material and chlorine are the three factors needed to make dioxins—they attach to dust particles and can be ingested through the nose, mouth or skin.

- While recycling aluminum, what measures are being adopted to manage work activities so that exposure to dioxins is reduced to as low a level as reasonably possible?
- Does the company intend to provide all employees with personal protective equipment, latex gloves, eye protection, and EPA-registered disinfectants to clean the PPE?
- Does the company plan to provide employees with access to soap and clean running water or alcohol-based hand sanitizers containing at least 60% alcohol at their worksites and vehicles?
- Will the company provide ventilated work areas, extra time off, and extra paid days off?
- Has the company developed new safety protocols for its employees?
- Does the company maintain staggered schedules and multiple lunch shifts to reduce the number of people using shared eating spaces at a single time?

- Does the company continue buyback operations that increases the employees' contact with members of the public interested in selling scrap

- Is the plant designed with socially distanced work areas?

Institute measures to physically separate and increase distance between employees and customers, such as:

- Rearrange workstations so that employees can stay at least 6 feet away from other employees.
- Stagger shifts, start times, and break times to reduce the number of people in work and break areas at one time.
- Remove or rearrange chairs and tables, or add visual cue marks, in employee break rooms to support social distancing practices between employees. Identify alternative areas to accommodate overflow volume.
- Communicate through use of text messaging, phone, and email and personal mobile phones to communicate instead of face-to-face contact.
- Cancel or postpone in-person meetings and trainings whenever possible. If you must meet, spread out to a distance of 6 feet or more between attendees.
- If possible, limit waste collectors to one person per truck.

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CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAW ENFORCEMENT

The increase in scrap metal prices in recent years has led to an increased incidence of theft of metal goods that can be sold as scrap. Local police departments were compelled to create metal theft units, increasing efforts to enforce city ordinances, regulating the scrap metal business.

The increased scrutiny has created a risk to the company whereby regulatory compliance could increase operating costs, and slow the supply of legal scrap. A web of complicated laws and additional administrative paperwork has boosted the chance of unintentional non-compliance.

Some of the company's operations could be adversely affected by regulatory authorities. Metal recycling has attracted much attention over the last couple of years because the high prices paid by recycling companies has encouraged theft of copper, aluminum, and stainless steel from job sites. Continued concerns could lead to much more regulation, which would increase expenses for the company and potentially dissuade customers from selling scrap to the company.

In more egregious situations, the state has the power to fine and criminally prosecute this company if it mismanages hazardous waste at its facility. The company, Vrede Recycling Inc., will pay \$65,000 in fines for its failure to properly handle hazardous waste from appliances and other materials during processing. Owners of Vrede Recycling, doing business as 84 Recycling, were sentenced for misdemeanor charges in Kings County in February, and will also pay fees and perform community service. The Kings County District Attorney's Office, in partnership with the California District Attorneys Association, prosecuted the case, which included guilty pleas to nine misdemeanors.

An investigation by DTSC's Office of Criminal Investigations found the company did not follow proper recycling procedures, and as a result contaminated soil with used oil, toxic levels of heavy metals such as lead and mercury, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

As part of the sentencing, the facility operators agreed to remove contaminated soil stockpiled at the Visalia facility. They will also implement a dust suppression plan at both locations and investigate and remove contamination that might be present at the Hanford location.

This investigation stems from DTSC's Enhanced Enforcement in Vulnerable Communities Initiative, which protects California's most vulnerable and environmentally burdened communities. The environmental justice initiative also deters recycling companies from taking shortcuts by bypassing crucial hazardous waste laws that protect the public and environment from the dangers of harmful materials found in discarded appliances.

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LAW & ECONOMICS

Neither the public nor the IL EPA can afford to ignore the economic realities behind General III's intention to raise and run its proposed facility.

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EXTERNALITIES

Economics addresses the incentives to pollute the air and water, incentives to conserve or destroy natural resources, and incentives to conduct economic activities that effect ecological systems and could eradicate entire species. The total cost to society in terms of resources consumed is the sum of the private costs paid by the producer and the external costs that must be borne by third parties. If the legal system does not require the producer to compensate third parties, then the producer will be able to operate at a cost of production that does not fully reflect the social costs of the resources consumed. Some of the producer's costs are then *external* to its production decisions.

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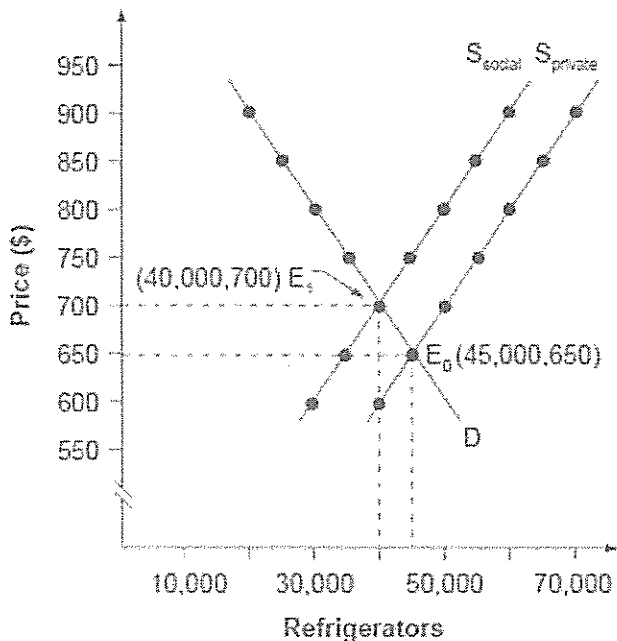
NEGATIVE EXTERNALITIES

General III's proposed plant will be the embodiment of a negative externality if its permit is accepted. When the plant yields smoke and other emissions as a byproduct of production and the factory is able to avoid responsibility for the consequences of the smoke, such as the expenses for painting soot covered buildings nearby or laundering dirty clothes, the output of the factory will be excessive in that the value of additional output is less than the additional costs of the additional output plus the damage. If the facility were held

responsible for the damage done by its smoke, its costs would rise, its product would become more expensive, and it would produce less.

This figure shows the demand and supply for manufacturing scrap metal. The demand curve (D) shows the quantity demanded at each price. The supply curve (S private) shows the quantity of scrap metal supplied by all the firms at each price if they are taking only their private costs into account and they are allowed to emit pollution at zero cost. The market equilibrium (E₀), where quantity supplied and quantity demanded are equal, is at a price of \$650 and a quantity of 45,000. This information is also reflected in the first three columns of this table.

Taking Social Costs into Account: A Supply Shift



Remember that the supply curve is based on choices about production that firms make while looking at their marginal costs, while the demand curve is based on the benefits that

individuals perceive while maximizing utility. If no externalities existed, private costs would be the same as the costs to society as a whole, and private benefits would be the same as the benefits to society as a whole. Thus, if no externalities existed, the interaction of demand and supply will coordinate social costs and benefits.

However, when the externality of pollution exists, the supply curve no longer represents all social costs. Because externalities represent a case where markets no longer consider all social costs, but only some of them, economists commonly refer to externalities as an example of market failure. When there is market failure, the private market fails to achieve efficient output, because either firms do not account for all costs incurred in the production of output and/or consumers do not account for all benefits obtained (a positive externality). In the case of pollution, at the market output, social costs of production exceed social benefits to consumers, and the market produces too much of the product. This, however, can be corrected or reversed with a pollution tax.

Pollution Charges

A pollution charge is a tax imposed on the quantity of pollution that a firm emits. A pollution charge gives a profit-maximizing firm an incentive to figure out ways to reduce its emissions—as long as the marginal cost of reducing the emissions is less than the tax.

For example, consider a small firm that emits 50 pounds per year of small particles, such as soot, into the air. Particulate matter, as it is called, causes respiratory illnesses and also imposes costs on firms and individuals.

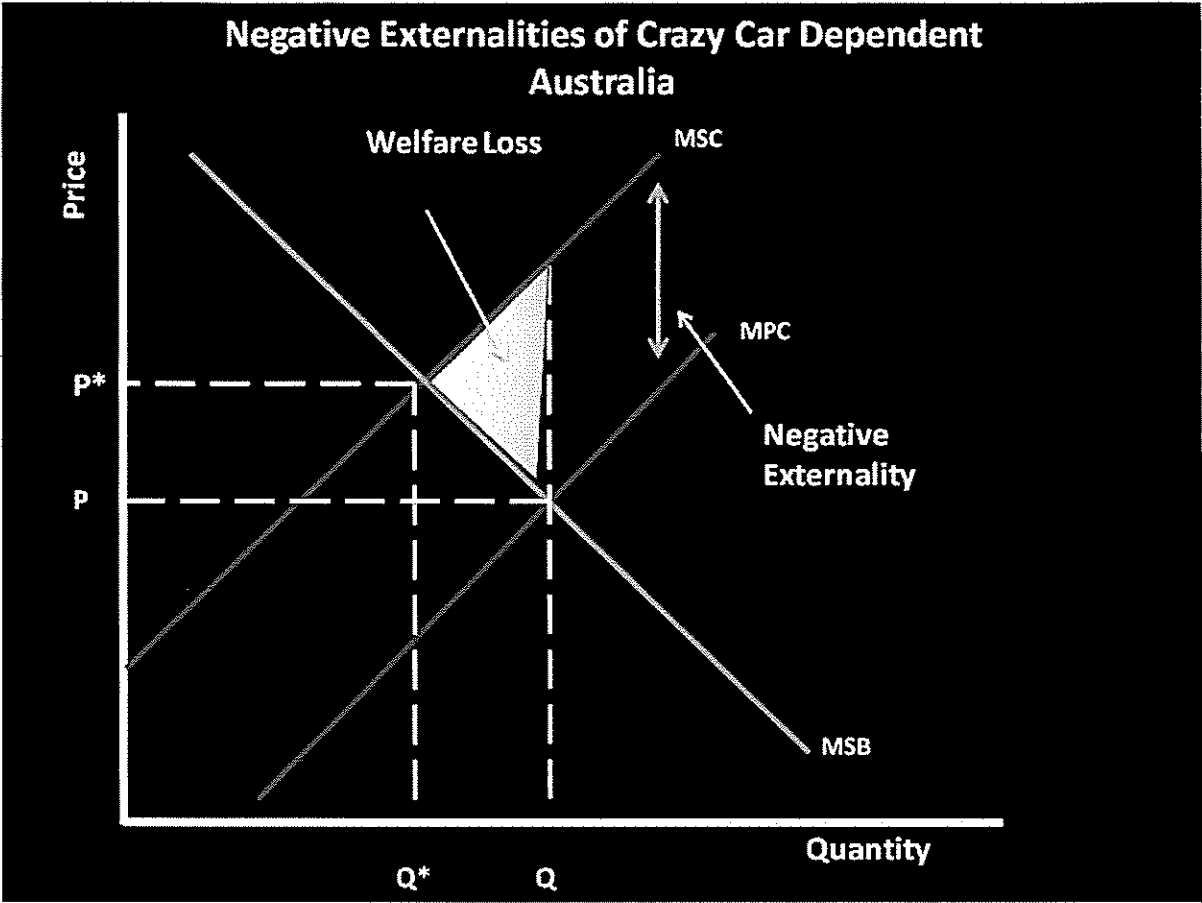
This figure illustrates the marginal costs that a firm faces in reducing pollution. The marginal cost of pollution reduction, like most marginal cost curves increases with output, at least in the short run. Reducing the first 10 pounds of particulate emissions costs the

firm \$300. Reducing the second 10 pounds would cost \$500; reducing the third ten pounds would cost \$900; reducing the fourth 10 pounds would cost \$1,500; and the fifth 10 pounds would cost \$2,500. This pattern for the costs of reducing pollution is common, because the firm can use the cheapest and easiest method to make initial reductions in pollution, but additional reductions in pollution become more expensive.



NEGATIVE EXTERNALITY AND ECONOMIC INEFFICIENCY

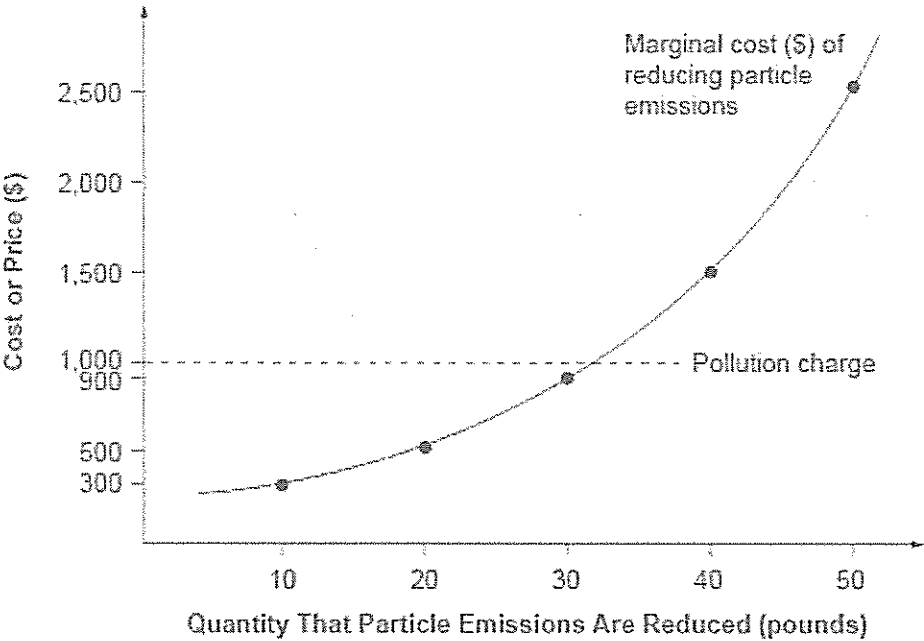
The market failure associated with negative externalities is that individuals' decisions are based on private rather than social cost. Production decisions are based on private costs and benefits, and production will be above optimum level. The market failure caused by a negative externality is shown as a deadweight social loss (see triangle Welfare Loss). Welfare Loss indicates that the marginal social cost of producing units Q^* to Q is greater than the marginal social benefits. Notice that the customers would buy more than the economically efficient quantity of the product if its price were P^* ; but the equilibrium price, P , is less than P^* , so firms produce and people buy more than the economically efficient quantity. The divergence between the market outcome and the optimal outcome is often used as justification for government intervention in the form of taxation or regulation.



Also, notice that the economically efficient quantity (Q^*) of the good is positive, not zero. Applying this analysis to pollution, it would not be economically efficient to eliminate pollution entirely. Some pollution would result even if firms were to produce the economically efficient quantity of the product. Thus the economically efficient level of pollution is not zero. The economically efficient level of pollution occurs when the marginal benefit of producing it equals the marginal cost of producing it.

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A POLLUTION CHARGE



If a pollution charge is set equal to \$1,000, then the firm will have an incentive to reduce pollution by 30 pounds because the \$900 cost of these reductions would be less than the cost of paying the pollution charge.

Imagine the firm now faces a pollution tax of \$1,000 for every 10 pounds of particulates emitted. The firm has the choice of either polluting and paying the tax, or reducing the amount of particulates they emit and paying the cost of abatement as shown in the figure. How much will the firm pollute and how much will the firm abate? The first 10 pounds would cost the firm \$300 to abate. This is substantially less than the \$1,000 tax, so they will choose to abate. The second 10 pounds would cost \$500 to abate, which is still less than the tax, so they will choose to abate. The third 10 pounds would cost \$900 to abate, which is slightly less than the \$1,000 tax. The fourth 10 pounds would cost \$1,500, which is much more costly than paying the tax. As a result, the firm will decide to reduce pollutants by 30 pounds, because the marginal cost of reducing pollution by this amount is less than

the pollution tax. With a tax of \$1,000, the firm has no incentive to reduce pollution more than 30 pounds.

A firm that has to pay a pollution tax will have an incentive to figure out the least expensive technologies for reducing pollution. Firms that can reduce pollution cheaply and easily will do so to minimize their pollution taxes, whereas firms that will incur high costs for reducing pollution will end up paying the pollution tax instead. If the pollution tax applies to every source of pollution, then no special favoritism or loopholes are created for politically well-connected producers.

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PRODUCTION POSSIBILITY FINDER

The tradeoff between economic output and the environment can be analyzed with a production possibility frontier (PPF) such as the one shown in this figure. At one extreme, at a choice like P, a country would be selecting a high level of economic output but very little environmental protection. At the other extreme, at a choice like T, a country would be selecting a high level of environmental protection but little economic output. According to the graph, an increase in environmental protection involves an opportunity cost of less economic output. No matter what their preferences, all societies should wish to avoid choices like M, which are productively inefficient. Efficiency requires that the choice should be on the production possibility frontier.

The Tradeoff between Economic Output and Environmental Protection

Production Possibility Frontiers (PPF)

A PPF shows the output combinations of two goods or services attainable when all resources are fully and efficiently employed

- We normally draw a PPF as concave to the origin i.e. as we move down along the PPF, as more resources are allocated towards Good Y the extra output gets smaller
- This is explained by the law of diminishing marginal returns, it occurs because not all factor inputs are equally suited to producing items leading to lower productivity

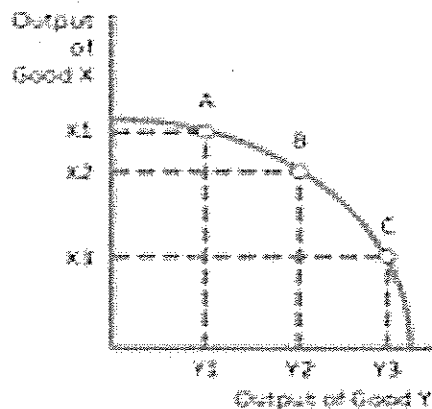


Figure 2.1

Each society will have to weigh its own values and decide whether it prefers a choice like P with more economic output and less environmental protection, or a choice like T with more environmental protection and less economic output.

Economists do not have a great deal to say about the choice between A, B, and C in this figure, all of which lie along the production possibility frontier. Countries with low per capita gross domestic product (GDP), such as China, place a greater emphasis on economic output—which in turn helps to produce nutrition, shelter, health, education, and desirable consumer goods. Countries with higher income levels, where a greater share of people have access to the basic necessities of life, may be willing to place a relatively greater emphasis on environmental protection.

However, economists are united in their belief that an inefficient choice such as M is undesirable. Rather than choosing M, a nation could achieve either greater economic output with the same environmental protection, as at point Q, or greater environmental protection with the same level of output, as at point S. The problem with command-and-control

environmental laws is that they sometimes involve a choice like M. Market-oriented environmental tools offer a mechanism either for providing either the same environmental protection at lower cost, or providing a greater degree of environmental protection for the same cost.

This model stands in stark contrast to the Negative Externality with Economic Inefficiency. It simplifies all that came before and expresses a decision or outcome that is certain, simple and wholly without guile or mental gymnastics.

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ECONOMIC REALITIES

1. Construction and operation cannot reasonably go forward without investing heavily in safety measures.
2. General III is not going to invest that amount of money.
3. Granting the permit without that investment creates an externalized cost for South Shore.

Economics addresses the incentives to pollute the air and water, incentives to conserve or destroy natural resources, and incentives to conduct economic activities that effect ecological systems and could eradicate entire species. The total cost to society in terms of resources consumed is the sum of the private costs paid by the producer and the external costs that must be borne by third parties. If the legal system does not require the producer to compensate third parties, then the producer will be able to operate at a cost of production that does not fully reflect the social costs of the resources consumed. Some of the producer's costs are then *external* to its production decisions.

Mitigating Potential Externalization

At this point, the NAACP ECJ has spent over 30 pages to advise the Bureau of Air and the average citizen to reject General III's application. To the extent economics frames decision-making, the company must recognize that going forward means it will assume the expense of operating safely, or it will accept the risk of operating in a pandemic. Most likely, the company will assume the risk and necessarily externalize operational costs. This, however, can be mitigated with the measures set forth below:

- *IL EPA should partner with the South Side to empower it with an ability to defend itself.*
- *Pre-paid Liquidated Damages*
This is a fund to cover damages suffered by South Side communities.
- *Pre-paid Oversight Fund*
This is a fund to cover the cost of monitoring, intervention, or logistics, arising out of a prolonged or extraordinary IL EPA action.
- *South Side Medical Expense Fund*
The company pays into this fund to cover South Side residents' medical expenses for treatment of symptoms connected to pollution.
- *Activate a Superfund*
Under 35 Illinois Administrative Code (IAC) 741 Illinois has established its own cleanup programs for the investigation and cleanup of hazardous substance sites, including the State Response Action Program (SRAP) and the Site Remediation Program (SRP). Unlike the federal Superfund rules, the programs also apply to releases of pesticides, which are not classified as hazardous substances under federal law. The state cleanup rules are in addition to the federal Superfund rules.

The brownfields program in Illinois, the SRP, assists in the voluntary cleanup of sites in which there is a release, threatened release, or suspected release of hazardous substances, pesticides, or petroleum. SRP also provides incentives for the voluntary cleanup of abandoned or underused property within the state. See the state section BROWNFIELDS for additional information.

- *Mirror the HR 763 Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019*

Impose an emissions fee starting at \$15/metric ton and rises at least \$10/metric ton annually (indexed to inflation). This places a fee on emissions.

100% of the net dividends and fines allocated evenly to South Side Chicago households (half-shares to children). Monthly payments allocated. Program and administrative fees are to be paid out of the fees.

Failure to integrate a green technology to successfully reduce emissions, mitigate environmental damage, or improve environmental benefit, result in an additional annual assessment. 100% of the net dividends allocated to subsidize Green New Deal startups for South Side residents.

Environmental Justice Recommendations

- Develop an IL EPA Office of Criminal Investigations
- This can be modeled after California's Department of Toxic Substances Control Office of Criminal Investigation. IL EPA does not have a criminal enforcement function and would require a state law. Some scrap facilities are challenged by changes in law arising out of the scrutiny received from receiving stolen metal. Further, the DTSC's criminal investigation of a recycler yielding a large fine, community service, and remedial measures provides a model, justification, and credibility to develop them same.
- Establish an IL EPA Enforcement and Emergency Response Division Environmental justice among the IL EPA's commitments and is developed through the normal course of its regulatory duties; it is not given a specific mission.

The agency needs a dedicated response to how environmental justice and health risk is prioritized in enforcement, particularly health and safety, including identification of planned environmental justice enforcement initiatives. By now, in light of environmental paradigm imposed upon Chicagoans - particularly the South Side - and how it ushered in an exponentially worse COVID-19 experience for an

identifiable few, and caused a statewide emergency for all, it should be clear that a specially-designed response is in order.

IL EPA needs a special operation to go beyond the conventional approach and prioritize enforcement actions affecting communities that have been identified by coronavirus as being the most impacted environmental justice communities. IL EPA is already responsible for protecting Illinoisans and the environment from hazardous waste through the effective enforcement of hazardous waste laws and regulations. This suggested EERD should specialize and develop niche skills and procedures to implement program improvements including those specifically related to community participation, transparency, and ensuring that all communities are protected, particularly those most impacted. Not to put on too fine a point, but environmental justice can also be leveraged to address a community's past disenfranchisement as was demonstrated during a public hearing when the Birmingham City Council voted to deny a scrap metal processors license to a company attempting to establish a scrap-processing yard in a neighborhood. The vote followed testimonies from the residents of air pollution generated from the proposed site.

An EERD would enjoy an advantage in preparing for this public hearing in that it would have integrated environmental justice in the permitting decision from the outset.

The IL EPA should be sensitive to the mere appearance of repeating and recurring patterns of violation or noncompliance as compelling cause to deny, suspend, or revoke a hazardous waste, or scrap metal recycling, facility permit. These repeating and recurring patterns were best observed by Birmingham City Councilor John Hilliard when he voted against the scrap yard, "It just bothers me that always these types of facilities come to black communities." He was totally unmoved by Jordan's promise the scrap yard would create more than 60 jobs for his district. "I'm for economic development, I believe in jobs and expansion, but not at the expense of my people...We don't want it in our community."

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CONCLUSION

The General III application stands in direct contradiction to the very clear policy of Illinois. In fact, to the extent federal and state agencies refer to the pandemic as a state of war, granting the construction permit effectively authorizes General III to join with other polluters in aiding and abetting the enemy. South Shore, particularly, suffers on a mass scale the dangers the shelter orders were issued to prevent.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of May, 2020.

/s/ Rose E. Joshua

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Environmental Climate Justice Committee

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From: Guy, Jeff
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Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron Permit Comment & Digital Public Info Session Feedback
Attachments: Public Notice.pdf; Connection Instructions.pdf

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Pastor Zemanick,

Good afternoon and thank you for your email comments. I left you a voice message also. Your email comments will be included as part of the public hearing record. The hearing record remains open through June 13, 2020 as indicated in the attached public notice. If any folks would like to provide written comments, please address them to me either by email or by mail (see attached notice for mailing address). Although today's hearing session at 6pm is the only time to provide oral comments, **we will still accept written comments through June 13, 2020.**

Also, if you (or parishioners) want to provide comments today, I may be able to work you in the evening session at 6pm, even though the registration deadline was Tuesday. **Please let me know as soon as possible.** The connection instructions are also attached.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Pastor Matt Zemanick <pastor.zemanick@gmail.com>
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To whom this may concern:

I was able to watch today's public comment section hosted by the IEPA on WebEx today. However, I and many of my parishioners were unable to make live comments because we were unable to contact you in time to be on the official list. Furthermore, it was difficult to access information about the session as it this information was not shared broadly to the press, elected officials, and community leaders. The only place I was able to find a link was embedded with in a WTTW story about General Iron's relocation.

During public comment sections held in-person, there is generally an opportunity to sign up for comments at the event. Albeit, I have never participated in an IEPA public comment event. This amount of gatekeeping regarding comments about awarding permits is alarming. It is especially alarming when applicants are serial regulation violators like General Iron looking to relocate from a community like Lincoln Park to a community like East Side. It is indicative of a system that puts the economic interests of the wealthy and industry over and against the public health of communities of color already saturated with pollution and polluters like S&H Bell and Watco Terminals to name a few.

This is to say, as a Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Chicago's 10th Ward I strongly object to the issuance of a permit to General Iron for their proposed facility in Chicago's East Side neighborhood because of their serial disregard for the health of the communities in which they operate made clear by their frequent violation of state and federal environmental regulations.

We are a community that does not understand the public health impact of the existing pollution in our community. Until the state conducts a robust, multidisciplinary public health study of our community, I do not think heavy industry can be expanded in Chicago's 10th Ward, especially when the industry is conducted by serial EPA & IEPA regulation violators like General Iron.

Furthermore, I do not think the IEPA should grant any permits during this time of pandemic as communities to not have the technology to adequately participate in public comment periods through online mediums like WebEx. Frankly, I find it morally reprehensible that the state is considering granting this permit to General Iron during this time of pandemic to operate in a community with higher rates of COVID19 comorbidities.

I encourage the IEPA to act in the public interest of the 10th Wards Health over and against the private, profit driven interest of General Iron, who has shown demonstrable lack of regard for regulations in place to protect the living conditions - the environment - of the 10th Ward. If you give the permit to General Iron, you will have failed to live up to your namesake and the people of Illinois. You will have failed the people of the 10th Ward and participated in continuing to support systems of environmental racism and human sacrifice on the altar of private profits. Blood will be on your hands.

Sincerely,

Pastor Matthew Zemanick+

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Mr. Caldie,

Thank you for your comments, which I will include as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary, which will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions, whether written or oral, submitted at the hearing or during the time the hearing record is open. The responsiveness summary will also provide a statement of the Agency's final action. All speakers and those that submit written comments during the comment period will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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Mr. Guy,

This latest attempt to get the General Iron Plant out of North Chicago is a disgrace and extreme environmental injustice. I live near Humboldt Park, west of the current plant, and this is clearly a case of white, wealthy residents and developers with political influence taking advantage of their position. We benefit from the metal industry, so we should also bear some of the consequences of the pollution that it produces.

It is clear that politicians listen to North Side residents and Sterling Bay, the developers of Lincoln Yards, while they can push a source of toxic pollution to a community that is out of site and out of mind for them. The East Side neighborhood has grappled with the health effects of metal pollution for decades, and this permit approval will exacerbate the problem even further.

The fact that the plant emits toxins below acceptable EPA levels is irrelevant because that treats the General Iron facility as a lone entity. This new permit coupled with the existing facilities surrounding the East Side neighborhood will further harm the health of those residents, while allowing more wealth, development, and cleaner air to flow into the already

booming Bucktown/Lincoln Park area.

Sincerely,

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Ok thanks

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North Side alderman says city's ordering shutdown of controversial shredding plant after explosion



By KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

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General Iron Industries scrap yard at work along Cortland Street near the Lincoln Yards development is shown on April 9, 2019.(Brian Cassella / Chicago Tribune)

The city's building commissioner has ordered the indefinite closure of a controversial North Side shredding plant after fire crews were called to an explosion there Monday morning, according to a Chicago alderman.

In a newsletter to her 43rd Ward constituents, Ald. Michele Smith said she was told in a briefing from Mayor Lori Lightfoot's office that the city's closure order would stop operations at General Iron Industries "including all shredding operations and acceptance of materials for shredding." Smith said in the newsletter that she learned from the mayor's office briefing that the explosions "damaged critical facilities of General Iron."

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Lightfoot's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment. No injuries were reported at General Iron Industries, and the Chicago Fire Department said tests found no increased pollution levels and "no apparent immediate health risk to residents and the surrounding community." The plant has been shut down while the cause is investigated.

Ald. Brian Hopkins, 2nd, who has previously asked the mayor to shut down the plant because of a history of pollution violations, tweeted earlier that a "fireball" and "mushroom cloud" raised pollution readings in the gentrifying neighborhood.

He did not release any details but said later in a statement that "permanent and immediate closure of this hazardous facility is no longer a discussion point, it must happen now."

The company said the incident was "not a normal event" and added, "We are thoroughly investigating all possible causes, including potential sabotage." Company spokesman Randall Samborn would not elaborate. "We don't want to speculate about what occurred."



The General Iron Industries plant on the North Branch of the Chicago River in Chicago on Sept. 28, 2018. (Zbigniew Bzdak / Chicago Tribune)

Smith said in her newsletter that she learned in the briefing with Lightfoot's office that there were two explosions at the plant — the first occurring in a newly installed Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer. "The heat was so intense that it flowed back to the initial point of entry, triggering the safety 'blow-out doors' of the filter building and damaging it significantly. A building to the north also was damaged," Smith said.

Police and fire crews were called to the 1900 block of North Clifton Avenue shortly after 9 a.m. after a loud boom was reported in the Ranch Triangle neighborhood, which is close to Lincoln Park and Bucktown. An explosion occurred on the company's conveyor system, Chicago Fire Department spokesman Larry Merritt said earlier.

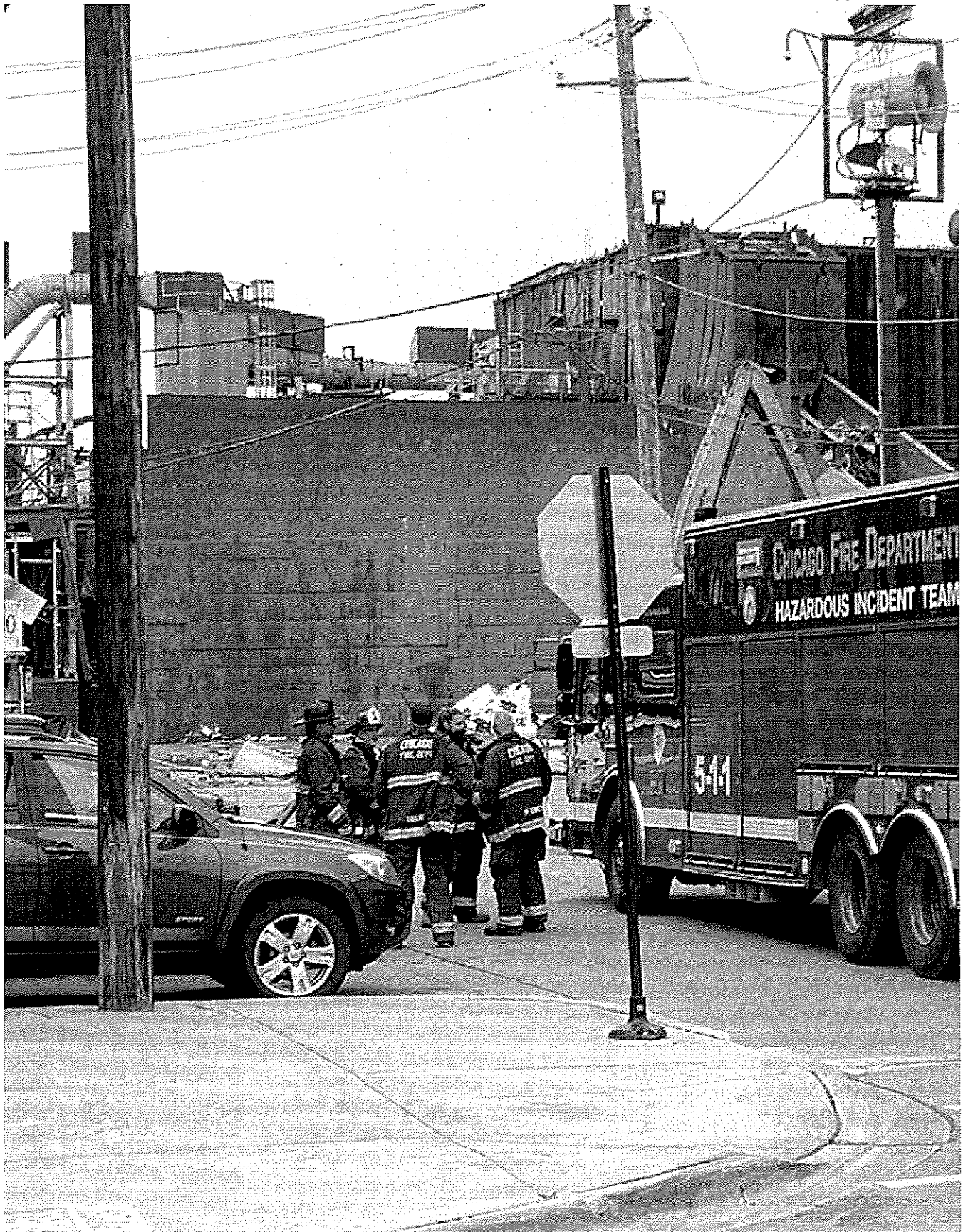
While initial tests found no threat, he said the Chicago Department of Public Health was conducting more tests. "Should any environmental violation be determined, the city will issue citations immediately," Merritt said.

Neighbors **have complained for years** about the odors from General Iron's scrap yard. They renewed their objections in March when, they said, the stay-at-home order would prolong their exposure to the plant's emissions and maybe make them more susceptible to the novel coronavirus, which attacks the lungs and upper respiratory tract.



Alderman Hopkins[@AldermanHopkins](mailto:AldermanHopkins)

investigation now underway in the aftermath of a HazMat Level 1 explosion at General Iron



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See Alderman Hopkins's other Tweets

General Iron — which has been targeted by federal environmental regulators three times since the 1990s — was allowed to continue operating during the pandemic under recycling and solid waste exemptions from the stay-at-home order that has forced nonessential businesses to close. General Iron has been cited with city health code violations seven times since December.

That group Clean the North Branch released a statement after the incident calling General Iron “a serial polluter and rule breaker that is a danger to families. What more do Mayor (Lori) Lightfoot and Gov. Pritzker need? Shut. Them. Down. Now.”



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Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker was asked Monday about the General Iron explosion and why the company was allowed to continue operating during the pandemic. Pritzker said the EPA and the city were looking into the explosion. He said the state referred to federal guidelines set by the Department of Homeland Security in deciding its list of essential businesses.

“We’re actually, as you can imagine, paying very close attention. I want to make sure that people are kept safe,” Pritzker said of General Iron. “... I’m unaware of what the latest is on the matter, but it’s certainly something of great concern to me.”

Chicago Tribune’s Gregory Pratt contributed.

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To: Frost, Brad
Subject: RE: [External] Major Explosion At General Iron Scrap Plant Rocks Neighborhood, Company Suggests 'Potential Sabotage' – Block Club Chicago

Categories: Entered and Added, Exhibit

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Subject: [External] Major Explosion At General Iron Scrap Plant Rocks Neighborhood, Company Suggests 'Potential Sabotage' – Block Club Chicago

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Major Explosion At General Iron Scrap Plant Rocks Neighborhood, Company Suggests 'Potential Sabotage'

"It shook our whole place, the whole building shook," a nearby resident said. "We could see some smoke coming up immediately."

MAY 18, 2020 9:33AM CDT LINCOLN PARK, OLD TOWN

Hannah Alani

Colin Boyle

LINCOLN PARK — An explosion rocked a controversial metal shredding plant on the banks of the Chicago River's North Branch Monday morning, sending a plume of smoke into the air and hazardous material response teams to the scene.

No one was hurt in the 9:10 a.m. blast at the General Iron scrap plant at 1909 N. Clifton Ave., officials said.

Chicago Fire Department spokesperson Larry Merritt confirmed the explosion took place on the shredder's conveyor system. Upon arrival, he said, firefighters tested the air quality and found "no apparent immediate health risk." The Chicago Department of Public Health performed further testing and evaluation, Merritt said.

“Should any environmental violation be determined, the city will issue citations immediately,” he said. “Work at the site has stopped as a result of the incident and will not resume until the city has determined the cause of the explosion. The health and safety of Chicago’s residents remain a top priority, and we will continue to provide more information as details are gathered.”

Witnesses on the scene and blocks away reported two loud blasts in succession. Although there were initial reports of an ensuing fire, a spokesman for the company denied that.

What caused the blast wasn’t immediately clear, although the company spokesman raised the idea of “sabotage.”

“Shredding operations have ceased for the present time,” General Iron spokesman Randall Samborn said in a statement. “We are thoroughly investigating all possible causes, including potential sabotage. We are fully cooperating with city officials.”

He declined to elaborate on the sabotage suggestion, saying, “We have no further information to provide at this time and we’re not going to speculate. Suffice to say what happened this morning was not normal. We will conduct a thorough investigation that looks at all possibilities.”





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The blast happened within the metal shredding process, he said

Ald. Brian Hopkins (2nd) described it as “major explosion and fire” that led to a “sudden increase” in pollution readings. Pollution from the plant has long been protested by Lincoln Park neighbors.

General Iron is already slated to leave the neighborhood for the Far South Side’s East Side neighborhood. Hopkins said he want it shut down now.

“Permanent and immediate closure of this hazardous facility is no longer a discussion point, it must happen NOW, by executive order,” Hopkins tweeted.





Fire crews were called to General Iron Monday after a "major explosion," Ald. Brian Hopkins (2nd) said.

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Ald. Michele Smith (43rd) said she spoke with Mayor Lori Lightfoot's staff and will receive details on what happened later in the day.

major explosion and fire at General Iron this morning. sudden increase in pollution readings detected in surrounding residential neighborhood. Permanent and immediate closure of this hazardous facility is no longer a discussion point, it must happen NOW, by executive order. pic.twitter.com/OddESmFwk6

— Alderman Hopkins (@AldermanHopkins) [May 18, 2020](#)

I have been on the phone with the Chief of Staff to @chicagosmayor regarding this morning's events at the General Iron, and will receive a briefing later today with full details.

— Ald. Michele Smith (@AldermanSmith43) May 18, 2020

Albert Muniz, an employee of General Iron, told a Block Club reporter the explosions were simultaneous.”It felt like we were getting bombed,” Muniz said.

An employee of General Iron who asked not to be named told a Block Club reporter on the scene he heard two explosions, back to back.

“We might be unemployed now,” he said.



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In Lincoln Park, it felt like an “earthquake” inside the home of Jillian Dixon. The shaking feeling was followed by two “loud booms,” she said.

“It shook our whole place, the whole building shook,” she said. “We could see some smoke coming up immediately.”

Dixon quickly saw two to three fire trucks, a “handful” of police cars and ambulance arrive on the scene.

I'm here now at General Iron Industries after reports of loud noises heard throughout the neighborhood. More information via @CWBCChicago's thread (quoted below) #ChicagoScanner <https://t.co/KWWzJjUfep> [pic.twitter.com/RWqgU4DJYw](https://t.co/RWqgU4DJYw)

— Colin Boyle (@colinbphoto) [May 18, 2020](#)

From across the river in Bucktown, workers at Local Foods, 1427 W. Willow St., heard and saw what appeared to be a fiery explosion, said Jamie Phelps Proctor.

“We all heard the loud explosion from inside the Local Food store. It shook the building and the windows,” he said. “We could see smoke starting to rise across the river. We went outside and saw the gray

smoke rising from one of the buildings. ... The smoke kept rising and started to smell. There were lots of sirens audible within less than a minute of the explosion.”



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Iain Whitaker, another neighbor, said he also witnessed an “explosion” that “shook the houses” nearby.

“I ran out to investigate and it appears that one of the buildings at the site collapsed due to the incident,” he said. “This is just another reason General Iron needs to be closed down immediately. They are

not only poisoning the air we breathe but putting the neighborhood in danger.”

By 9:30 a.m. the smoke dissipated, Phelps Proctor said.

Dixon, in Lincoln Park, hoped the incident would propel Lightfoot to shut down the metal shredder during the coronavirus pandemic — a move neighbors have been pleading the mayor to consider for months.

“This is just another example of why it’s important to get it shut down,” she said. “It feels like an egregious use of resources right now, to send out emergency personnel ... [increase their] exposure.”

Gov. JB Pritzker said at an unrelated news conference Monday that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency also is looking into the explosion.

“We’re actually, as you can imagine, paying very close attention, want to make sure people are kept safe,” Pritzker said.





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General Iron plans to relocate to 11600 S. Burley Ave. by the end of the year. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency must first issue an “air pollution control construction permit,” which neighbors protested in a public meeting last week.

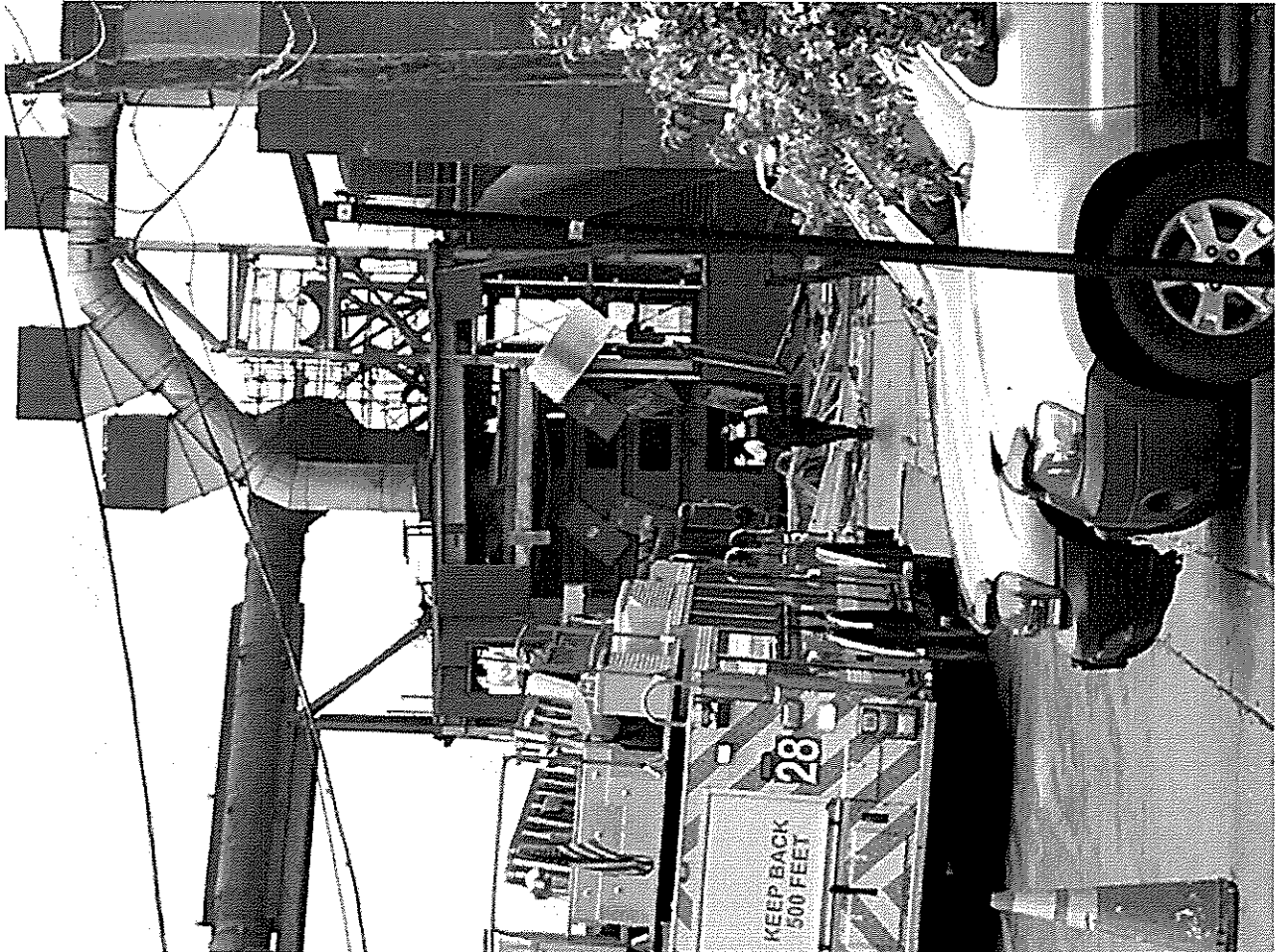
Last fall, General Iron promised Lightfoot and Hopkins to leave the North Side.

That agreement followed a 2015 fire, a 2016 city-ordered shutdown, a 2017 harassment lawsuit and a 2018 citation for excessive air emissions.

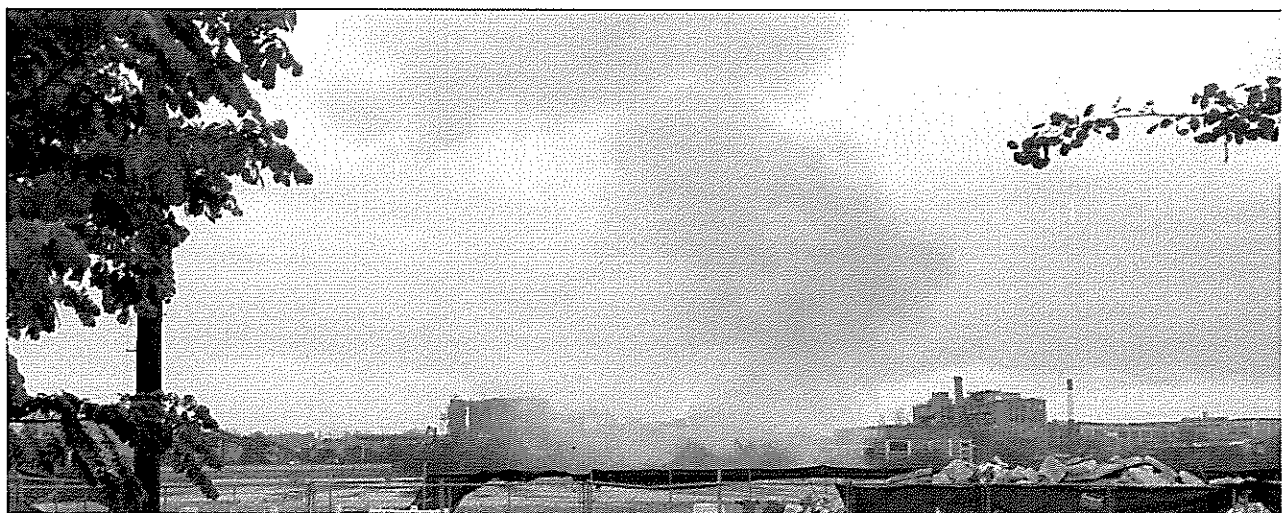
Lincoln Park neighbors have long complained about the health risks associated with fluff, a substance that routinely coats the neighborhood’s sidewalks, roads, porches and playgrounds.

The Environmental Protection Agency defines fluff as “fugitive dust.”

An air quality monitoring device is currently being used by Hopkins and neighbors to monitor the PM2.5 in the air near General Iron. You can see the ratings [here](#).



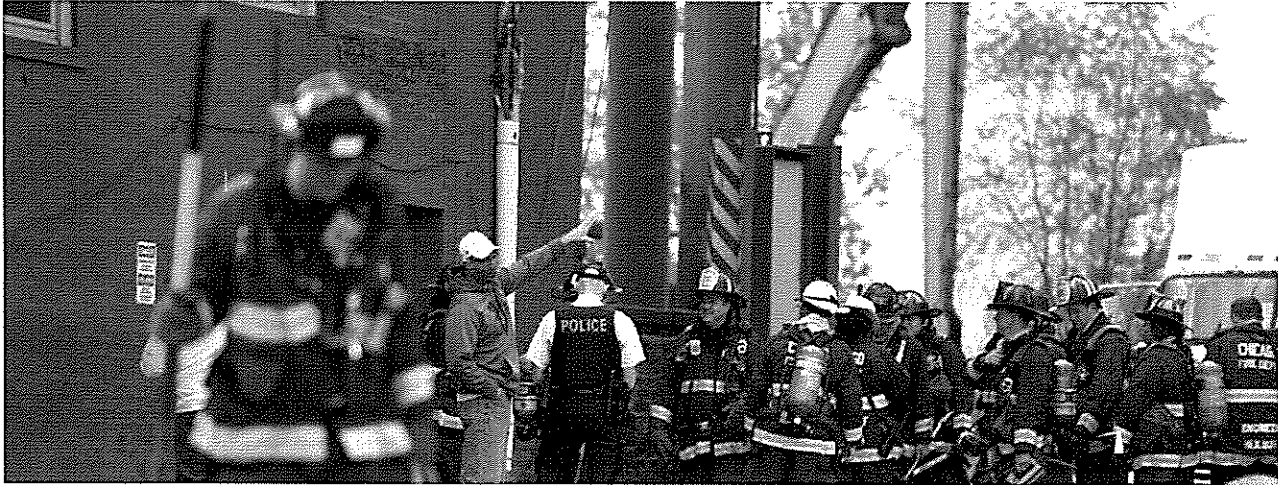
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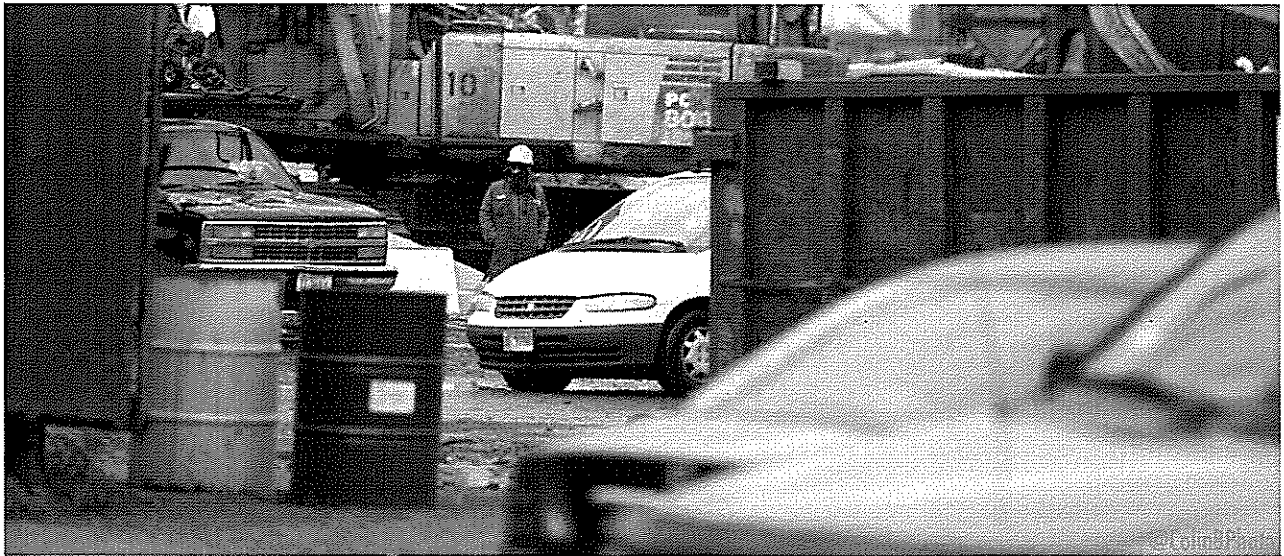
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Cc: Guy, Jeff; Ramirez, Gina
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

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Brad,

Can you please provide citations for the caselaw referred to in IEPA Attorney Rob Lame's response concerning consideration of General Iron's compliance history.

Thank you very much.

Nancy

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Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 1:46 PM
To: "Geertsma, Meleah" <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>, Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>
Cc: "Guy, Jeff" <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>, Gina Ramirez <gramirez@nrdc.org>, Nancy Loeb <n-loeb@northwestern.edu>
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Everyone is on mute. Roll call is only for people who joined by phone,. I can see you and meleah, olga

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From: Geertsma, Meleah <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:39:47 PM
To: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>
Cc: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>; Frost, Brad <Brad.Frost@Illinois.gov>; Ramirez, Gina <gramirez@nrdc.org>; Nancy

Loeb <n-loeb@northwestern.edu>

Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

I just joined around 1:36 and was told by a colleague that you had already done roll call.

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On May 14, 2020, at 1:37 PM, Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com> wrote:

We are having trouble logging in and you have us on mute and you cant hear us.

Olga and others

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 1:37 PM Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com> wrote:

We are on the call but the "the host muted you" keeps coming up and you cant here me and others when you did role call.

Olga

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 11:30 AM Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Ok thanks

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:27 AM

To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>

Cc: Corina Pedraza <Pedrazac74@gmail.com>; EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>

Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Hi Jeff,

Corina is available this evening (she asked me to respond on her behalf) because of work and family obligations.

Olga

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 10:51 AM Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Afternoon or evening for Corina?

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From: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:49 AM

To: Corina Pedraza <Pedrazac74@gmail.com>; Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>

Subject: Fwd: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Hello Again,

Community resident Corina Pedraza (cc'd here) is available to testify too. Are there any slots available? Thank you for your flexibility especially given the circumstances we are in.

Olga

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From: **Olga Bautista** <obautista58@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, May 14, 2020 at 10:46 AM
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov>

Great, thank you so much!

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 10:46 AM EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov> wrote:

Ms. Bautista,

Thanks, I will register you for the 1:30 pm session. You will be speaker 10.

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To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

I am available at 1:30 today if that works for you.

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 8:34 AM EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Bautista,

Thank you for your interest in providing comments at today's public hearing. Although the last day to register to speak was Tuesday, we should be able to work you in. There are two available sessions (1:30 pm and 6:00 pm) as found in the attached public notice. **Please let me know as soon as possible which session works best for you.** Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing. I will also add your contact information to the mailing list.

The connection instructions are provided in the attached public notice document. When it is your turn to speak, I will call on you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:27 PM

To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>

Subject: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Hello Jeff can you please add me to the list to make a comment tomorrow. I also left you a voicemail about it. I'm sorry I wasn't able to sign up sooner.

Olga

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Olga Bautista

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From: Amy Genender <amypea@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:21 PM
To: Guy, Jeff
Subject: [External] Hearing comment

I would like to make a comment at the General Iron hearing.

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Exhibit 41

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From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 8:57 AM
To: 'Amy Genender Feltheimer'
Subject: RE: [External] Comment as General Iron hearing

Amy,

I will put you down for the evening session as the first speaker. Regarding the videos, you can certainly identify links during your statement.

Thanks,

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From: Amy Genender Feltheimer <attorneygenender@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 10:08 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Comment as General Iron hearing

Hello Jeff,
The evening session would be preferred.
Regards,
Amy

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> On Apr 10, 2020, at 2:27 PM, Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:
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> Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:27 PM
> To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
> Subject: [External] Comment as General Iron hearing

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> Hello Jeff,

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> I would like to submit a comment for the General Iron hearing. Do you need these submitted in writing or will you be calling on people ad hoc during the hearing?

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> Regards,
> Amy Feltheimer

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Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 8:46 AM
To: Guy, Jeff
Subject: Re: [External] Comment as General Iron hearing

Hello Jeff,
Can I include links to video evidence in my statement?
Regards,
Amy

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> Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:27 PM
> To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>
> Subject: [External] Comment as General Iron hearing
>
> Hello Jeff,
>
> I would like to submit a comment for the General Iron hearing. Do you need these submitted in writing or will you be calling on people ad hoc during the hearing?
>

> Regards,
> Amy Feltheimer

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> <GIII Public Notice.pdf>

Guy, Jeff

From: Lara Compton <laracompton@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:47 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: Re: [External] General Iron Hearing
Attachments: image001.png

Great. Thank you!

On Thu, May 14, 2020, 9:19 AM EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Compton,

The connection instructions are provided in the attached public notice. Also, I will be circulating more detailed instructions shortly.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Office of Community Relations

(217) 785-8724

Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Lara Compton <laracompton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:14 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] General Iron Hearing

Hi Jeff,

I am looking forward to the conversation tomorrow. I just want to confirm that the dial-in information I was provide on 4.16 is still accurate.

Thanks and have a great night,

- Lara

On Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 9:43 AM EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov> wrote:

Lara,

I put you down for the 1:30 pm afternoon session. You will be the second speaker after initial comments/instructions from the Illinois EPA. For the best experience, it is recommended to join the hearing by computer.

I will be circulating more detailed instructions on connection prior to the hearing. If you should have any questions, please contact me at the number below or by cell phone at (217) 622-5374.

Thanks,

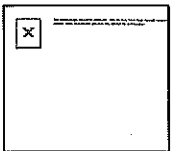
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From: Lara Compton <laracompton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 11:36 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] General Iron Hearing

Whoops! Thanks for the follow-up. Let's do 1:30.

Thank you and be well,

Lara

On Wed, Apr 22, 2020, 11:30 AM EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov> wrote:

Lara,

As indicated in my previous e-mail, there are two available sessions for speaking (1:30pm CST and 6:00pm CST). **Please let me know which session works best for you.**

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 9:10 AM
To: Lara Compton <laracompton@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron Hearing

Good morning Lara,

Thank you for your interest in speaking during the upcoming public hearing on May 14, 2020. There are two available sessions (afternoon and evening). Instructions on how to access the hearing are provided in the public notice (attached). **Please let me know which session works best for you.** Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing. For the best experience, it is recommended to join the hearing by computer.

I will be circulating more detailed instructions on connection prior to the hearing. If you should have any questions, please contact me at the number below or by cell phone at (217) 622-5374.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov

From: Lara Compton <laracompton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:27 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron Hearing

Hi there,

I would like to request time to speak at the hearing for General Iron in May. Please let me know what information is needed prior to the hearing.

Thank you!

Lara Compton

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Guy, Jeff

From: Erik Wallenius <erik@ward43.org>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Guy, Jeff
Subject: Re: [External] details on General Iron hearing

Thank you sir

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On Mon, Apr 27, 2020 at 2:09 PM Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Please refer to attached link:
<https://external.epa.illinois.gov/WebSiteApi/api/PublicNotices/GetAirPermitDocument/5960> found at the Illinois EPA Public Notice website: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/boa-notices/Pages/default.aspx>

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From: Erik Wallenius <erik@ward43.org>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:03 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] details on General Iron hearing

Hi Jeff,

I work with Ald. Michele Smith, and we're getting an uptick in community questions about General Iron.

Can you provide further details about the May 14th hearing? What's the organizing entity, the agenda, whether we can participate, etc.?

I tried your number, but just got the voicemail. You can call me at my personal cell: 708-870-1551

Thank you,

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Guy, Jeff

From: Zwick, Ann M. <azwick@freeborn.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 1:41 PM
To: Guy, Jeff
Subject: [External] RE: General III hearing

Thank you

ANN M. ZWICK
Attorney at Law
(312) 360-6254 office
(312) 952-1651 mobile
azwick@freeborn.com

From: Guy, Jeff [mailto:Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Zwick, Ann M.
Subject: General III hearing

External Email

Good afternoon Ms. Zwick,

The hearing will be recorded and the recording will be included as part of the public record. The Illinois EPA will post the recording on our web page in same place where the hearing notice, draft permit, and other documents associated with the proceeding have been posted.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy
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Hi Brad –

Is the IEPA going to record and post the Webex hearing? I was looking into recording it myself, but it appears that only the Host can record it.

<https://help.webex.com/en-us/n62735y/Record-a-Webex-Meeting>

<https://help.webex.com/en-us/n9r2sit/Download-Your-Webex-Recording>

Please let me know. Thanks!

Ann

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Guy, Jeff

From: Stark, Charles <cjstark@cps.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:14 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: Re: [External] Register to Comment on May 14

That is very helpful. Thank you.

Chuck Stark
Biology Teacher
George Washington High School
Project SEECC Teaching Fellow

On Thu, May 7, 2020 at 11:05 AM EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Stark,

Time limits are typically determined closer to the hearing date - based on total amount of registered speakers. In general, plan on 3-5 minutes (subject to change). You are not *required* to submit your comments ahead of time, but if you do I will ensure the comments are included as part of the hearing record.

If you have lengthy comments, it is optional to submit your comments in their entirety either before the hearing or after the hearing to ensure they are included in the public record - and then just summarize your comments during the acting hearing. The comment period ends on June 13, 2020 (see attached Public Notice). You can submit comments any time through the end of the comment period. However, the hearing is the only time we accept *oral* comments; written statements are allowed through the end of the comment period - and then the record closes.

I will be circulating connection instructions early next week that provide more information on using Webex to connect to the virtual hearing. Before the hearing starts, I will go over general rules and how it will proceed. During the hearing, I will call your name to speak. The hearing will be recorded and the recording will be available to the public as part of the hearing record. Public comments (written and oral) will be part of the record and addressed as part of the Agency's responsiveness summary, which will be available on the Illinois EPA website (in the same location where the Public Notice was posted).

Statements should be relevant to the specific construction permit. The Agency staff will be available to answer questions if those answers are readily available, but the Agency staff may respond by agreeing to defer the response to the responsiveness summary, which will be available on the Illinois EPA's public notice web page.

All comments/statements will be considered by the Agency with respect to the final decision made in this matter.

I hope this helps.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Stark, Charles <cjstark@cps.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:35 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Register to Comment on May 14

Good Morning, Mr. Guy,

I am registered to provide comments at the hearing for General Iron III, next Thursday, at 6pm. Can you provide me with appropriate guidelines for my public comments? Will I have a time limit? Do you need me to submit my comments/questions ahead of time? Is there a particular format I should use? Anything else I should know?

Sincerely,

Chuck Stark

Biology Teacher

George Washington High School

Project SEECC Teaching Fellow

On Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 3:07 PM Stark, Charles <cjstark@cps.edu> wrote:

Hello Mr. Guy,

Thank you for your prompt reply. I would like to join the 6pm session on May 14.

Also, thank you for the link to the applicable materials. That is helpful and appreciated.

Best,

Chuck Stark

Biology Teacher

George Washington High School

Project SEECC Teaching Fellow

On Wed, Apr 22, 2020 at 2:37 PM EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Stark,

Thank you for your interest in speaking during the upcoming public hearing on May 14, 2020 for the General Iron site. There are two available sessions (afternoon and evening) for the General Iron hearing (see attached public hearing notice). Instructions on how to access the hearing are provided in the attached public notice. **Please let me know which session works best for you.** Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing.

I will be circulating more detailed instructions on connection prior to the hearing. For the best experience, it is recommended to join the hearing by computer.

Please refer to the link for the repository of documents on the second page of the attached public notice. After you click this link, click on "General III LLC" and you will see two pages of documents related to this site, including a project summary, draft permit, public notice, etc.

Please note that the two hearings referenced in the Block Club Chicago article are related to General Iron only. **A public hearing date has not been established yet for the Army Corps of Engineers project that you referenced.** Once a hearing is scheduled, a public notice will be posted on the Illinois EPA website at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/Pages/default.aspx>.

I will add your name to the emailing list for both. If you have questions, please contact me at the number below or by email.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Stark, Charles <cjstark@cps.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Register to Comment on May 14

Hello Mr. Guy,

I am writing to register for public comment, on May 14, regarding the following two proposed projects on Chicago's Southeast Side: 1) The relocation of General Iron's metal scrapping plant, and 2) The expansion of the Army Corps of Engineers expansion to their waste disposal site along Lake Michigan and the Calumet River.

Also, can you please direct me to a website, or any other location, where I may find more information about these hearings? I have just been made aware of them through a Block Club Chicago article.

Sincerely,

Chuck Stark

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:55 PM
To: Stark, Charles; EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: RE: [External] Register to Comment on May 14

Mr. Stark,

Regarding the Army Corps of Engineers project, a public notice has not been posted. Their activities will be addressed through a water permit. The Army COE's water permit expires May 2021 but they plan to renew by the end of this year. For more information regarding this project, please contact Ms. Sabrina Bailey at Sabrina.Bailey@Illinois.gov or (312) 814-7182.

You can access public notices for water permits on our website at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/Pages/default.aspx>

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Stark, Charles <cjstark@cps.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:12 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Register to Comment on May 14

Hello Mr. Guy,

My apologies for the multiple emails. This email is regarding the Army Corps of Engineers project. 1) Thank you for adding me to your email list about that. 2) For Public Notices, under which category will that one be found?

Thank you,

Chuck Stark
Biology Teacher
[George Washington High School](#)
Project SEEEC Teaching Fellow

Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:44 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: FW: [External] Registering to Speak at May 14 Hearing on General Iron

-----Original Message-----

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Cyn <cyoung_strickland@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: [External] Registering to Speak at May 14 Hearing on General Iron

Thank you Cynthia. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Cyn <cyoung_strickland@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:41 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Registering to Speak at May 14 Hearing on General Iron

Cynthia Strickland

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 8, 2020, at 2:37 PM, Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

>

> Hello,

>

> Thank you for your interest in providing public comments. I will schedule you for the evening session. Please confirm your first and last name.

>

> Thanks,

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> Jeffrey J. Guy

> Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Office of

> Community Relations

> (217) 785-8724

> Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Cyn <cyoung_strickland@yahoo.com>
> Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:48 AM
> To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
> Subject: [External] Registering to Speak at May 14 Hearing on General
> Iron

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> Either time is fine with me.

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> Sent from my iPhone

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Maxwell Evans
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron May 14 hearing

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From: Maxwell Evans <maxwell@blockclubchi.org>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] General Iron May 14 hearing

Thank you. I have no questions to submit ahead of time, I will cover the meeting and residents' input. Just looking to confirm the following link will work for both the 1:30p and 6p meetings?

<https://illinois.webex.com/illinois/onstage/g.php?MTID=ede15d1e3bc40793e54ad27332af9805d>

On Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:50 PM Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Mr. Evans,

Thanks for your interest in the public hearing. The link can be found at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/boa-notices/Pages/default.aspx>. I attached the public notice, which can be found through the link. The link can be found on the Illinois EPA website (search for "public notices").

If you would like to provide oral comments, there are two separate sessions (1:30 pm and 6:00pm). Just let me know which sessions works for you. During the hearing, I will call your name. If you have questions, let me know.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Maxwell Evans <maxwell@blockclubchi.org>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron May 14 hearing

Good afternoon,

Could you send me a link or sign-up for the virtual public hearing on General Iron's planned move to the East Side of Chicago? I am unable to find it posted online. Thank you!

--

Maxwell Evans

Hyde Park, Woodlawn & South Shore Reporter

Block Club Chicago

312.560.2209

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Maxwell Evans

Hyde Park, Woodlawn & South Shore Reporter
Block Club Chicago
312.560.2209

Guy, Jeff

From: C.J. OHara <sharpaugustin2014@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:22 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: [External] Re: General III, LLC
Attachments: image001.png

Received, thank you.

Christopher

On Tue, May 12, 2020, 3:19 PM EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. O'Hara,

I received your voice message. Thank you for your interest in providing comments during the hearing this Thursday during the 1:30 pm session. Attached is the public notice for your reference. I will call on you during the hearing. I will also add your contact information to the mailing list.

Thank you,

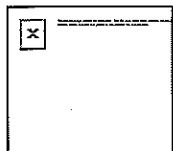
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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:37 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: FW: [External] Hearing speaker signup

From: C.J. OHara <sharpaugustin2014@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Hearing speaker signup

Hi Jeff

I also left you a voicemail.

My name is Christopher O'Hara. I am registering to speak for this Thursday at 130pm for the EPA meeting. I don't think I have the phone number currently for your meeting.

My number is 8722052227.

Thanks
Chris

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Guy, Jeff

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My number is 8722052227.

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Chris

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:49 PM
To: Kiana Courtney
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: RE: Request to Provide Comment at Public Hearing for Proposed Issuance of Construction Permit to General III, LLC

Kiana,

You are registered to speak during the evening session.

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Kiana Courtney <KCourtney@elpc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Request to Provide Comment at Public Hearing for Proposed Issuance of Construction Permit to General III, LLC

Good afternoon,
Thank you. I am fine with either session, but prefer the latter if there are slots available.

Thank you,

Kiana Courtney

Associate Attorney
Environmental Law & Policy Center
35 E. Wacker Dr., Suite 1600
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 795-3712

On May 12, 2020, at 3:31 PM, Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Kiana,

Thank you for your interest in providing comments during the hearing on Thursday, May 14, 2020. There are two available sessions (1:30 pm CST and 6:00 pm CST) as found in the attached public notice. Please let me know which session works best for you. Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing. I will also add your contact information to the mailing list.

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Kiana Courtney <KCourtney@elpc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Request to Provide Comment at Public Hearing for Proposed Issuance of Construction Permit to General III, LLC

Good afternoon,

I am requesting to provide comment at the public hearing on Thursday, May 14, 2020 for the proposed issuance of the construction permit to General III, LLC.

Thank you,

Kiana Courtney

Kiana Courtney
Associate Attorney
Environmental Law & Policy Center
35 E. Wacker Dr., Suite 1600
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Guy, Jeff

From: Pastor Richard L. Martinez, Jr. <martinez10thward@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:57 PM
To: Guy, Jeff
Subject: Re: [External] Where to submit written comment in regards to General Iron

Thank you.

On Tue, May 12, 2020 at 3:56 PM Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Martinez,

You can send written comments to me via email or direct mail to my attention (please refer to attached notice for the mailing address). I will enter your written comments into the official hearing record.

Also, there is a public hearing this Thursday May 14, 2020 as found in the attachment. If you wish to provide oral comments, you can register to speak at one of the sessions (either 1:30 pm CST or 6:00 pm CST). If you decide to speak, please let me know which session works best for you. Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing.

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy

Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Office of Community Relations

(217) 785-8724

Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Pastor Richard L. Martinez, Jr. <martinez10thward@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:49 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Where to submit written comment in regards to General Iron

Good Afternoon,

Where do I send my written comments for the permit for General Iron?

Please advise, thank you,

--

Richard L. Martinez, Jr.

Pastor

Nehemiah Family Fellowship Church

773-544-4682

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Guy, Jeff

From: Geertsma, Meleah <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 5:04 PM
To: Guy, Jeff
Cc: Ramirez, Gina; Moreno, Ivan
Subject: [External] Re: Request to provide comment at General III hearing

Thanks, will do -

From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Geertsma, Meleah <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>
Cc: Ramirez, Gina <gramirez@nrdc.org>; Moreno, Ivan <imoreno@nrdc.org>
Subject: RE: Request to provide comment at General III hearing

Hello,

You are speaker No. 5 (1:30 pm session). As you mentioned, please monitor to know when it is your turn.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Geertsma, Meleah <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:45 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Ramirez, Gina <gramirez@nrdc.org>; Moreno, Ivan <imoreno@nrdc.org>
Subject: [External] Re: Request to provide comment at General III hearing

Great, thanks. Is there a set or estimated time when I should join the hearing? Or do I need to stay in monitoring mode to know when it's my turn.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 12, 2020, at 8:27 AM, Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> wrote:

Ms. Geertsma,

Thank you for your interest in providing comments. I added your name to the afternoon session.

Jeffrey J. Guy

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov
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From: Geertsma, Meleah <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Ramirez, Gina <gramirez@nrdc.org>; Moreno, Ivan <imoreno@nrdc.org>
Subject: [External] Request to provide comment at General III hearing

Hi Jeff -

I'm writing to note my interest in providing comment on behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council during the virtual hearing on the proposed air permit for General III scheduled for this upcoming Thursday, May 14. I am requesting a slot in the afternoon hearing, ideally starting after 2pm.

Thanks so much,
Meleah

MELEAH GEERTSMA
Senior Attorney, Environmental Justice

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Meleah Geertsma
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: RE: [External] Requesting resend of information for General III virtual hearing this afternoon

5 minutes

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Meleah Geertsma <meleahg@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Requesting resend of information for General III virtual hearing this afternoon

Thanks so much - and I'm back on my NRDC accounts, so am all set for later today.

Is there a set amount of time that commenters have for delivering their comments, like 3-5 minutes?

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 9:09 AM Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Geertsma,

The public notice is attached with the connection instructions. I will also be circulating more detailed connection instructions shortly.

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy

Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Office of Community Relations

(217) 785-8724

Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Meleah Geertsma <meleahg@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:05 AM

To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>

Subject: [External] Requesting resend of information for General III virtual hearing this afternoon

Hi Jeff -

This is Meleah Geertsma from NRDC, reaching out via my personal email account. I'm currently locked out of all of my NRDC accounts, so am requesting that you resend information for participating in this afternoon's virtual hearing for the proposed General III air permit to this account, so I can do my best to join on my personal laptop.

Thanks so much,

Meleah

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Frost, Brad

From: Geertsma, Meleah <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:00 PM
To: Frost, Brad
Cc: Olga Bautista; Guy, Jeff; Ramirez, Gina; Nancy Loeb
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Thanks Brad. I just emailed asking where I am in the queue.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 14, 2020, at 1:47 PM, Frost, Brad <Brad.Frost@illinois.gov> wrote:

Everyone is on mute. Roll call is only for people who joined by phone,. I can see you and meleah, olga

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From: Geertsma, Meleah <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:39:47 PM
To: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>
Cc: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>; Frost, Brad <Brad.Frost@illinois.gov>; Ramirez, Gina <gramirez@nrdc.org>; Nancy Loeb <n-loeb@northwestern.edu>
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

I just joined around 1:36 and was told by a colleague that you had already done roll call.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 14, 2020, at 1:37 PM, Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com> wrote:

We are having trouble logging in and you have us on mute and you cant hear us.

Olga and others

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 1:37 PM Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com> wrote:
We are on the call but the "the host muted you" keeps coming up and you cant here me and others when you did role call.

Olga

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 11:30 AM Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Ok thanks

Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Geertsma, Meleah
Subject: RE: I am on the line but my name hasn't been called

Ms. Geertsma,

Sorry for any confusion. I am glad you were able to speak.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy
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-----Original Message-----

From: Geertsma, Meleah <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:59 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>; Frost, Brad <Brad.Frost@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] I am on the line but my name hasn't been called

Jeff told me earlier that I'm speaker #5, so want to make sure I'm in the queue. Please confirm

Sent from my iPhone

Guy, Jeff

From: Jordan Diab <jordan.diab@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:46 AM
To: Guy, Jeff
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: Re: [External] General Iron hearing

Thank you!

> On May 13, 2020, at 8:38 AM, Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> wrote:

>
> Thank you Jordan. You are registered to provide comments during the 1:30 pm session.
>
> Jeffrey J. Guy
> Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Office of
> Community Relations
> (217) 785-8724
> Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Jordan Diab <jordan.diab@gmail.com>
> Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 6:18 PM
> To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
> Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
> Subject: Re: [External] General Iron hearing

> 1:30pm please

> 708-341-2344

> Thank you,
> Jordan

>> On May 12, 2020, at 10:31 AM, Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> wrote:

>> Jordan,

>> Thank you for your interest in providing comments. If you wish to speak during the hearing, there are two available hearing sessions (1:30 pm CST and 6:00 pm CST as found in the attached public notice). Just let me know which session works best for you. Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing.

>> Thanks,

>> Jeffrey J. Guy

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>> Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov
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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Jordan Diab <jordan.diab@gmail.com>
>> Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:27 AM
>> To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
>> Subject: [External] General Iron hearing

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>> Jeff,
>>
>> I would like to voice my opposition to GI during Thursday's session.

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>> Best,
>> Jordan

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Juan Rojas
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: RE: [External] Request to comment at hearing on General Iron relocation

Good morning Juan,

You are registered to provide comments during the 6pm session.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Juan Rojas <jrojasjr1215@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Request to comment at hearing on General Iron relocation

Thank you for your prompt response. I would like to participate in the 6pm CST session. Looking forward to it!

Juan Rojas
MD Candidate, Class of 2023
Pritzker School of Medicine
University of Chicago
773-699-3182

On Tue, May 12, 2020 at 3:27 PM Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Juan,

Thank you for your interest in providing comments during the hearing on Thursday, May 14, 2020. There are two available sessions (1:30 pm CST and 6:00 pm CST) as found in the attached public notice. Please let me know which session works best for you. Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing. I will also add your contact information to the mailing list.

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Juan Rojas <jrojasr1215@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:29 PM

To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>

Subject: [External] Request to comment at hearing on General Iron relocation

Dear Jeff,

My name is Juan Rojas and I am a medical student at the University of Chicago and a new resident to the East Side neighborhood of Chicago. I lived for parts of my life in Logan Square, where my parents still reside and relatively close to Lincoln Park and the General Iron scrapyard.

I would like to make a comment at Thursday's hearing on the proposed relocation of General Iron from Lincoln Park to the East Side. Please let me know if you need other information.

All the best,

Juan Rojas

MD Candidate, Class of 2023

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University of Chicago

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:22 AM
To: Alfredoroma22@yahoo.com
Subject: General III, LLC public hearing
Attachments: Public Notice.pdf

Good morning Mr. Romo,

Thank you for your interest in providing comments during the public hearing on Thursday. You are registered for the 6:00 pm session. The connection instructions are provided in the attached public notice. When it is your turn to speak, I will call your name. If you have questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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Guy, Jeff

From: Brian Cavanaugh <brianscavanaugh@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 6:18 PM
To: Guy, Jeff
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: Re: [External] General Iron Hearing

Jeff,

FYI - I am on the call too.

Brian

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 13, 2020, at 09:49, Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

>

> Thank you Mr. Cavanaugh.

>

> Jeffrey J. Guy

> Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Office of

> Community Relations

> (217) 785-8724

> Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Brian Cavanaugh <brianscavanaugh@gmail.com>

> Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:18 AM

> To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>

> Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>

> Subject: Re: [External] General Iron Hearing

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> 1:30pm works. Thanks Jeff.

>

> Brian

>

> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On May 13, 2020, at 09:07, Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

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>> Good morning Mr. Cavanaugh,

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>> Thank you for your interest in providing comments during the hearing on Thursday, May 14, 2020. There are two available sessions (1:30 pm CST and 6:00 pm CST) as found in the attached public notice. Please let me know which session works best for you. Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing. I will also add your contact information to the mailing list.

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>> Thanks,
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Brian Cavanaugh <brianscavanaugh@gmail.com>
>> Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:06 AM
>> To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
>> Subject: [External] General Iron Hearing

>>
>> Good Morning Jeff,

>>
>> I would like to sign up to participate in the hearing. I'm a North Side resident and with no affiliation to any environmental group or metal manufacturing advocacy group.

>>
>> Brian

>>
>> Sent from my iPhone

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 11:16 AM
To: Mautice Elion
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron Public Hearing

Thank you.

Jeffrey J. Guy
Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Office of Community Relations
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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Mautice Elion <m1elion@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 10:32 AM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] General Iron Public Hearing

Confirming receipt.

Thank you!

Sent from Mautice's iPhone

> On May 13, 2020, at 9:10 AM, Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:
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> Good morning,
>
> The information you requested can be found in the attached public notice. If you wish to provide oral
comments during one of the sessions, please let me know. If you have additional questions, please contact me.
>
> Thank you,
>
> Jeffrey J. Guy
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> Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Mautice Elion <m1elion@gmail.com>
> Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 8:30 AM

> To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
> Subject: [External] General Iron Public Hearing

>
> Good morning,

>
> Would you happen to know the website that I can utilize to watch the public hearing regarding General Iron tomorrow? I see there are 2 sessions but I'm unable to find any information about how to locate the sessions.

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> Please advise.

>
> Thank you.

>
> Sent from Mautice's iPhone

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 12:23 PM
To: Ramirez, Gina
Subject: RE: General Iron Public Hearing
Attachments: Public Notice.pdf

Gina,

Please see attached public notice for the connection instructions.

Jeffrey J. Guy

Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Ramirez, Gina <gramirez@nrdc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:27 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: General Iron Public Hearing

Hi,

Can you give me the dial in information for tomorrow? I think I lost it.

Thanks
Gina

From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> **On Behalf Of** EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Ramirez, Gina <gramirez@nrdc.org>
Subject: RE: General Iron Public Hearing

Thank you Gina.

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Ramirez, Gina <gramirez@nrdc.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:49 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: General Iron Public Hearing

The 1:30pm hearing.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 23, 2020, at 3:47 PM, EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov> wrote:

Gina,

If you wish to speak during the hearing, there are two available hearing sessions (1:30 pm CST and 6:00 pm CST). **Please let me know which session works best for you.** Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing.

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> **On Behalf Of** EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Ramirez, Gina <gramirez@nrdc.org>
Subject: RE: General Iron Public Hearing

Good morning Gina,

Thank you for your interest in providing comments. If you wish to speak during the hearing, there are two available hearing sessions (1:30 pm CST and 6:00 pm CST as found in the attached public notice). Just let me know which session works best for you. Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing. Also, please let me know if you will be joining the hearing by computer, smartphone, or a landline phone.

I will also add your contact information to the mailing list.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov

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From: Ramirez, Gina <gramirez@nrdc.org>

Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:05 AM

To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>

Subject: [External] General Iron Public Hearing

Hi,

This is Gina Ramirez and I want to register to make public comment at the General Iron permit hearing on May 14th,

Thanks,

Gina

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 2:49 PM
To: president@naacpcss.org
Cc: Damon Watson; secretary@naacpcss.org
Subject: RE: [External] REQUEST TO PROVIDE COMMENTS AT PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2020
Attachments: Public Notice.pdf
Categories: Entered and Added

Good afternoon,

Please verify your speaking session tomorrow. There are two available sessions (1:30 pm CST and 6:00 pm CST) as found in the attached public notice. Please let me know which session works best for you. Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing.

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 9:05 AM
To: president@naacpcss.org
Cc: Damon Watson <damontwatson@gmail.com>; secretary@naacpcss.org
Subject: RE: [External] REQUEST TO PROVIDE COMMENTS AT PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2020

Good morning,

Thank you for your interest in providing comments during the hearing on Thursday, May 14, 2020. There are two available sessions (1:30 pm CST and 6:00 pm CST) as found in the attached public notice. Please let me know which session works best for you. Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing. I will also add your contact information to the mailing list.

It is also acceptable to email or mail written comments to my attention, as described in the attached notice.

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: president@naacpcss.org <president@naacpcss.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:07 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>
Cc: Damon Watson <damontwatson@gmail.com>; secretary@naacpcss.org
Subject: [External] REQUEST TO PROVIDE COMMENTS AT PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2020



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NAACP
Chicago Southside

Please accept our late request to provide written and/or comments regarding General III, LLC.'s Application for a Permit.

Sincerely,
Rose E. Joshua, Esq., President
NAACP Chicago Southside Branch
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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:01 PM
To: Damon Watson
Subject: Re: [External] Verification of Opportunity to Comment

Categories: Entered and Added

Yes. I have you speaking soon

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From: Damon Watson <damontwatson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 6:54:57 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Verification of Opportunity to Comment

Mr. Jeff Guy:

How are you?

This is Damon Watson. I'm currently on this call and a written report was submitted prior to the start of this meeting.

I'm writing to verify whether I am on the list of speakers.

Thanks,

Damon

Guy, Jeff

From: Peggy Salazar <peggy_setf@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 6:17 PM
To: Guy, Jeff
Subject: Re: [External] register to testify in General Ill virtual meeting

Thank you.

Peggy Salazar

Southeast Environmental Task Force

13300 Baltimore Ave. Chicago IL 60633

773-646-0436

peggy_setf@sbcglobal.net

On Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 02:16:02 PM CDT, Guy, Jeff <jeff.guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Salazar,

Thank you for your interest in providing comments at tomorrow's public hearing. Although the last day to register to speak was yesterday, we will work you into the evening session; we want the public to be heard and appreciate your participation!

The connection instructions are provided in the attached public notice document. When it is your turn to speak, I will call on you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy

Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Office of Community Relations

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Peggy Salazar <peggy_setf@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 2:07 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] register to testify in General Ill virtual meeting

Would like to participate and testify at tomorrow's virtual meeting at 6:00 pm.

Thank you.

Peggy Salazar

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:35 AM
To: Corina Pedraza
Subject: General III, LLC public hearing
Attachments: Connection Instructions.pdf

Good morning,

You are registered to speak (speaker No. 12) at tonight's public hearing (6pm session). When it is your turn to speak, I will call your name.

Attached are more detailed connection instructions. The connection instructions, in addition to the Agency's opening/closing statements, can be found at the following link: <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notices/boa-notices/Pages/default.aspx> under General III LLC.

Thank you,

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:32 PM
To: Jocelyn Rangel
Subject: RE: [External] Re: General III, LLC public hearing Thursday May 14, 2020

Categories: Entered and Added

Thanks, talk to you tonight.

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Jocelyn Rangel <jocieran@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:50 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Re: General III, LLC public hearing Thursday May 14, 2020

Thank you, You had asked and I completely forgot to say that I'm a local resident, and registered nurse who has specialized in critical care And has worked in that capacity in our area's local community hospital and the Chicagoland area for nearly a decade. I do not represent a particular organization although I am an active member of our community. I will be online for the 6pm meeting awaiting my turn to comment.

Thank you,
Jocelyn Rangel
Sent from my iPhone

On May 14, 2020, at 09:28, EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Rangel,

I did receive his comments via email, which will be included as an exhibit as part of the official hearing record. I just sent him a follow up email in addition to a voice message to see if he wanted to speak today at the hearing. I have not heard back. You can certainly read his comments and provide additional comments. I appreciate your interest in speaking.

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Jocelyn Rangel <jocieran@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:21 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: General III, LLC public hearing Thursday May 14, 2020

Confirmed.

If pastor Martinez comment will not be read, I will read it. If it will be read I will leave an additional comment. Thank you again Jeff, I appreciate your consideration very very much,

Jocelyn Rangel
10th Ward resident

Sent from my iPhone

On May 13, 2020, at 15:51, EPA.PublicHearingCom
<EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov> wrote:

Ms. Rangel,

It was nice speaking with you this afternoon. Thank you for your interest in providing comments at tomorrow's public hearing. Although the last day to register to speak was yesterday, I will work you into the evening (6 pm) session; we want the public to be heard and appreciate your participation! When you circulate this information, please inform folks **to reach me as soon as possible with a desired speaking session (see attached notice)**. I will try to get as many registered as I can *as long as time allows*.

The connection instructions are provided in the attached public notice document. When it is your turn to speak, I will call on you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

One final note, please confirm you received this email and include the affiliation/group you represent. I look forward to hearing your comments tomorrow.

Thank you,

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:43 AM
To: eblanks@hotmail.com
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron's Planned Move To East Side
Attachments: Public Notice.pdf

Good morning,

Thank you for your interest in providing comments at today's public hearing. Although the last day to register to speak was Tuesday, we should be able to work you in. There are two available sessions (1:30 pm and 6:00 pm) as found in the attached public notice. **Please let me know as soon as possible which session works best for you.** Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing. I will also add your contact information to the mailing list.

The connection instructions are provided in the attached public notice document. When it is your turn to speak, I will call on you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: eblanks@hotmail.com <eblanks@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 4:54 AM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron's Planned Move To East Side

Good Morning,

I'd like to comment on their move to my community.

Elihu K Blanks

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Guy, Jeff

From: eblanks@hotmail.com
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:08 PM
To: Guy, Jeff
Subject: [External] Re: General III, LLC Public Hearing

Oh,

Ok since this is a simple webex I do want to speak. If it's the same meeting at both times I can do the 6pm meeting. Can you confirm that they are the same so I can cancel my personal time request?

Elihu K Blanks

On May 14, 2020 10:31 AM, "Guy, Jeff" <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

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Thank you,

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:11 PM
To: eblanks@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: [External] Re: General III, LLC Public Hearing

Ok thanks

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From: eblanks@hotmail.com <eblanks@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:10:20 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Re: General III, LLC Public Hearing

Yea,

See you at 6pm.

Elihu K Blanks

On May 14, 2020 1:08 PM, "Guy, Jeff" <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> wrote:

Yes the format is the same. I will schedule you for the 6pm session as speaker No. 13. Did you get the connection instructions I circulated earlier?

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From: eblanks@hotmail.com <eblanks@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:04:02 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Re: General III, LLC Public Hearing

Didn't know there was a 6pm session (just learned about this last night). Yes, I wanted to comment. Are the two sessions the same?

Elihu K Blanks

On May 14, 2020 12:58 PM, "Guy, Jeff" <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> wrote:

Do you intend to speak? If so which session? 1:30 pm or 6:00 pm? I am unsure how long the entire session will take. Perhaps a few hours at the most.

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From: eblanks@hotmail.com <eblanks@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 12:53:46 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: General III, LLC Public Hearing

Mr Guy,

I work with the Illinois Department of Revenue and I'm taking personal time to attend this meeting. How much time do you think I should take?

Elihu K Blanks

On May 14, 2020 10:31 AM, "Guy, Jeff" <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

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Thank you,

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:03 AM
To: cmarshbird@prodigy.net
Subject: RE: [External] Want to speak on General Irons hearing

Thank you

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From: AT&T Yahoo Mail <cmarshbird@prodigy.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:15 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Want to speak on General Irons hearing

6 pm session.
Carolyn

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android

On Wed, May 13, 2020 at 2:36 PM, EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Ms. Marsh,

Please verify your speaking session for tomorrow. There are two available sessions (1:30 pm CST and 6:00 pm CST) as found in the attached public notice. Please let me know which session works best for you. Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing.

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:03 PM
To: Carolyn A Marsh <cmarshbird@prodigy.net>
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Want to speak on General Irons hearing

Good afternoon Ms. Marsh,

Thank you for your interest in providing comments during the hearing on Thursday, May 14, 2020. There are two available sessions (1:30 pm CST and 6:00 pm CST) as found in the attached public notice. Please let me know which session works best for you. Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing. I will also add your contact information to the mailing list.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Carolyn A Marsh <cmarshbird@prodigy.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Want to speak on General Irons hearing

Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:30 pm
Central Daylight Time (Chicago, GMT-05:00)
Change time zone

Duration: 9 hours

Carolyn A. Marsh

1804 Oliver St.

Whiting, IN 46394

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Guy, Jeff

From: Carolyn A Marsh <cmarshbird@prodigy.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 8:29 PM
To: Guy, Jeff
Subject: [External] RE: General III, LLC Public Hearing

There were no instructions how to be able to speak as never used this format before. I heard all, but didn't know how to get to speak. I was on MUTE by host, but didn't know if I could speak until name was called and then realized I wasn't heard. What to press and where to unmute. Horrible experience.

Carolyn Marsh

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:31 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: General III, LLC Public Hearing

Good morning,

Attached are more detailed connection instructions for today's public hearing. The connection instructions, in addition to the Agency's opening/closing statements, can be found at the following link:
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Thank you,

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Andy Douglas
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: RE: [External] Request to comment in General Iron hearing 5/14 1:30 p.m.

Certainly. We look forward to receiving your comments later.

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Andy Douglas <adaglas@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:31 AM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Request to comment in General Iron hearing 5/14 1:30 p.m.

Thanks again for your help

Andy Douglas (he/him; she/her; they/them)

On Tue, May 12, 2020 at 3:40 PM Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Andy,

Thank you for your interest in providing comments during the hearing this Thursday during the 1:30 pm session. Attached is the public notice for your reference. I will call on you during the hearing. I will also add your contact information to the mailing list.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Andy Daglas <adaglas@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 3:12 PM

To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>

Subject: [External] Request to comment in General Iron hearing 5/14 1:30 p.m.

Hello Mr. Guy - I would like to sign up to comment during the hearing this Thursday at 1:30 p.m. regarding the proposed permit for General Iron at 11600 S. Burley Ave. in Chicago.

Thank you for your assistance. Best,

Andy Daglas (he/him; she/her; they/them)

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:39 AM
To: Nick Radakovich
Subject: RE: [External] Public Hearing of a Construction Permit to General III, LLC in Chicago

Thank you Nick

Jeffrey J. Guy

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Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov



From: Nick Radakovich <nickrxhc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:37 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Public Hearing of a Construction Permit to General III, LLC in Chicago

No I will not

On Thursday, May 14, 2020, 09:07:10 AM CDT, EPA. PublicHearingCom <epa.publichearingcom@Illinois.gov> wrote:

Nick,

Based on your initial email, you will be attending the 6pm session today. Just to clarify, will you be speaking tonight?

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Nick Radakovich <nickrxhc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 4:27 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Public Hearing of a Construction Permit to General III, LLC in Chicago

Thank you Jeffery.

On Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 03:56:45 PM CDT, EPA. PublicHearingCom <epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Radakovich,

Thank you for interest in tomorrow's public hearing. The public notice (attached) includes the connection instructions and other details. There is an afternoon and evening session as discussed in the public notice. Please keep in mind that the last day to register to provide comments during the hearing was yesterday. However, I may be able to work you in into one of the sessions if you desire to speak.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Nick Radakovich <nickrxhc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:45 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Public Hearing of a Construction Permit to General III, LLC in Chicago

I would like to attend the public hearing on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 6:00 PM . Can you send me a link to join the meeting?

Nick Radakovich 9825 Muskegon Chicago. Il.

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:48 AM
To: James Kinney
Subject: RE: [External] Epa public hearing
Attachments: Public Notice.pdf

Good morning Mr. Kinney,

Thank you for your interest in providing comments at today's public hearing. As discussed, you are registered to speak during the 6:00 pm session tonight. Connection instructions are provided in the attached public notice. Also, I will be circulating more detailed connection instructions shortly.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: James Kinney <jamesgordonkinney@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 9:29 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Epa public hearing

Guy, Jeff

From: Mark Velez <mvelez1287@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:12 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: Re: [External] Re: General III, LLC Public Hearing

Yes, thanks Jeff!



On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 3:08 PM EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov> wrote:

Mr. Velez,

Sorry for any confusion. I am glad you were able to provide comments.

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Mark Velez <mvelez1287@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: General III, LLC Public Hearing

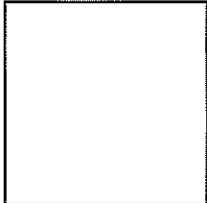
Jeff,

I wasn't named. We spoke a few weeks ago. I'd like to comment.

Mark Velez

mvelez1287@gmail.com

773-550-3873



On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 10:31 AM Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

Attached are more detailed connection instructions for today's public hearing. The connection instructions, in addition to the Agency's opening/closing statements, can be found at the following link:
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Thank you,

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 3:43 PM
To: boba@atproperties.com
Subject: RE: [External] Registering to Speak at May 14 Hearing on General Iron
Attachments: Public Notice.pdf

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Good afternoon Mr. Adolfson,

It was nice speaking with you this afternoon. As we discussed, there is still an opportunity to provide comments during the comment period, which ends June 13, 2020 (see attached public notice). You can send any comments to my attention either by email or through the mail (as explained in the attached notice). Your comments will then be included as part of the official hearing record and responded to as part of our responsiveness summary.

Also, the following link provides information regarding the proposed facility:
<https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notice/boa-notice/Pages/default.aspx> under "General III LLC".

Sincerely,

Jeffrey J. Guy

Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
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From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:35 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Registering to Speak at May 14 Hearing on General Iron

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Robert Adolfson <boba@atproperties.com>
Subject: RE: [External] Registering to Speak at May 14 Hearing on General Iron

Good afternoon Mr. Adolfson,

Thank you for your interest in providing public comment. I have you scheduled for the afternoon session.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Robert Adolfson <boba@atproperties.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Registering to Speak at May 14 Hearing on General Iron

Hello Jeff,

I would like to comment during the afternoon session regarding General Iron.

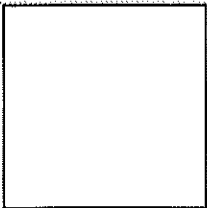
Thank you

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From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 4:28 PM
To: Miles Vance
Cc: EPA.PublicHearingCom
Subject: RE: [External] Public Hearing 6pm
Attachments: Connection Instructions.pdf

Categories: Entered and Added

Hello,

Although the deadline to register was Tuesday, I can try to work you and your wife in the 6:00pm session. I have you and your wife registered to provide comments during the 6:00pm session. Connection instructions are also attached.

Thanks,

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From: Miles Vance <miles.vance.artist@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Public Hearing 6pm

Hello Jeff,

I just attended the virtual public hearing. Is there any way you can add me and my wife, miles vance and rachel vance, to tonight's Public hearing at 6pm.

Thank you for your consideration.

Also I was concerned that people at home on landlines could not mute their phones and it seemed like they were dismissed. Someone on the call snickered and then the hearing was ended. I understand the 3 people did not speak up, but the snicker as if they were dumb or something for not using technology didnt seem right. As a Chicago public school teacher walking parents on how to open their email for 90 minutes is a real problem and should not be laughed at.

Thank you again,

Miles Vance

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 5:07 PM
To: Bolinger, Valerie
Cc: Frost, Brad
Subject: RE: Virtual public hearing

Categories: Entered and Added

Perfect, thanks again!

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From: Bolinger, Valerie <Valerie.Bolinger@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Frost, Brad <Brad.Frost@Illinois.gov>
Subject: RE: Virtual public hearing

Yes, it will take 24 hours for your attendance reports to appear in the cloud.

I will show you how to download from the portal. It's a really nice attendance record that imports to Excel.

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From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 4:39 PM
To: Bolinger, Valerie <Valerie.Bolinger@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Frost, Brad <Brad.Frost@Illinois.gov>
Subject: RE: Virtual public hearing

I forgot to ask, is there a way to get a printout of all participants (a list) or a tally? Something printed out...

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From: Bolinger, Valerie <Valerie.Bolinger@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:36 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: RE: Virtual public hearing

Hi Jeff,

Are you unmuting the attendees? Attendees can't unmute themselves, so was confused on the statement about unmuting.

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From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Bolinger, Valerie <Valerie.Bolinger@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: Virtual public hearing

Thanks for being available. Hopefully we won't need you but I let him know that you are connected

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From: Bolinger, Valerie <Valerie.Bolinger@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:18:43 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: RE: Virtual public hearing

Hi Jeff,

I am in your event. You may need to move me to panelist so I can unmute and evaluate the attendee list. Have Brad right click on my name and select "make panelist".

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From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Bolinger, Valerie <Valerie.Bolinger@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Virtual public hearing

Good morning Valerie,

You mentioned last week that perhaps you could connect to our first virtual public hearing this Thursday. After further thought, we would like to have you connect during the afternoon session in case we have some issues. The public notice is attached with the link.

Thank you for your help!

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From: Andres Villegas <andresvillegasmag@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 6:08 PM
To: Guy, Jeff
Subject: [External] I want passcode to comment on event thursday 5/14 6pm

Categories: Entered and Added

The link requires a passcode.

Guy, Jeff

From: Frost, Brad
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 6:53 PM
To: Olga Bautista; Corina Pedraza; Nancy Loeb
Cc: Geertsma, Meleah; Guy, Jeff; Ramirez, Gina
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

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She is on the list

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From: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 6:19:42 PM
To: Corina Pedraza <Pedrazac74@gmail.com>; Nancy Loeb <n-loeb@northwestern.edu>
Cc: Frost, Brad <Brad.Frost@Illinois.gov>; Geertsma, Meleah <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>; Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>; Ramirez, Gina <gramirez@nrdc.org>
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Corina is on the call but you haven't add her to the roll call.

Olga

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 2:16 PM Nancy Loeb <n-loeb@northwestern.edu> wrote:

Brad,

Can you please provide citations for the caselaw referred to in IEPA Attorney Rob Lame's response concerning consideration of General Iron's compliance history.

Thank you very much.

Nancy

Nancy C. Loeb

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From: "Frost, Brad" <Brad.Frost@Illinois.gov>

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 1:46 PM

To: "Geertsma, Meleah" <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>, Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>

Cc: "Guy, Jeff" <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>, Gina Ramirez <gramirez@nrdc.org>, Nancy Loeb <n-loeb@northwestern.edu>

Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Everyone is on mute. Roll call is only for people who joined by phone,. I can see you and meleah, olga

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From: Geertsma, Meleah <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:39:47 PM

To: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>

Cc: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>; Frost, Brad <Brad.Frost@Illinois.gov>; Ramirez, Gina <gramirez@nrdc.org>; Nancy Loeb <n-loeb@northwestern.edu>

Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

I just joined around 1:36 and was told by a colleague that you had already done roll call.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 14, 2020, at 1:37 PM, Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com> wrote:

We are having trouble logging in and you have us on mute and you cant hear us.

Olga and others

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 1:37 PM Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com> wrote:

We are on the call but the "the host muted you" keeps coming up and you cant here me and others when you did role call.

Olga

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 11:30 AM Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Ok thanks

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From: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:27 AM

To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>

Cc: Corina Pedraza <Pedrazac74@gmail.com>; EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>

Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Hi Jeff,

Corina is available this evening (she asked me to respond on her behalf) because of work and family obligations.

Olga

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 10:51 AM Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Afternoon or evening for Corina?

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From: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:49 AM

To: Corina Pedraza <Pedrazac74@gmail.com>; Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>

Subject: Fwd: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Hello Again,

Community resident Corina Pedraza (cc'd here) is available to testify too. Are there any slots available? Thank you for your flexibility especially given the circumstances we are in.

Olga

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From: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, May 14, 2020 at 10:46 AM
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov>

Great, thank you so much!

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 10:46 AM EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov> wrote:

Ms. Bautista,

Thanks, I will register you for the 1:30 pm session. You will be speaker 10.

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From: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:40 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

I am available at 1:30 today if that works for you.

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 8:34 AM EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Bautista,

Thank you for your interest in providing comments at today's public hearing. Although the last day to register to speak was Tuesday, we should be able to work you in. There are two available sessions (1:30 pm and 6:00 pm) as found in the attached public notice. **Please let me know as soon as possible which session works best for you.** Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing. I will also add your contact information to the mailing list.

The connection instructions are provided in the attached public notice document. When it is your turn to speak, I will call on you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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From: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:27 PM

To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>

Subject: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Hello Jeff can you please add me to the list to make a comment tomorrow. I also left you a voicemail about it. I'm sorry I wasn't able to sign up sooner.

Olga

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Olga Bautista

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Frost, Brad

From: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Guy, Jeff; Frost, Brad; Ramirez, Gina; Geertsma, Meleah; Nancy Loeb; EXT Harley, Keith; Peggy Salazar; Meleah Geertsma
Cc: Hawthorne, Michael; Brett Chase; Mogerman, Josh; Alex Ruppenthal
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

I AM ADDING THE PRESS TO THIS THREAD BECAUSE THIS HEARING CAN NOT GO ON WITH OUT ADDRESSING THESE TECHNICAL ISSUES. THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS.

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 1:39 PM Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com> wrote:
BRAD PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO ADDRESS THESE GLITCHES. WE ARE HAVING TROUBLE LOGGING IN AND WE ARE ON FORCES MUTE.

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 1:38 PM Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com> wrote:
We are having trouble logging in and you have us on mute and you cant hear us.

Olga and others

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 1:37 PM Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com> wrote:
We are on the call but the "the host muted you" keeps coming up and you cant here me and others when you did role call.

Olga

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 11:30 AM Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Ok thanks

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Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2020 11:07 AM
Subject: General III, LLC comment period
Attachments: Public Notice.pdf

Categories: Entered and Added

Good morning,

Although you were unable to provide oral comments yesterday during the General III, LLC public hearing, the Illinois EPA will accept written comments on the draft permit until June 13, 2020, as indicated in the public notice (attached). Written comments are given the same consideration as oral comments. Written comments will be included in the record and reviewed by the Agency. We will fully consider and respond to all significant public comments (oral and written) and may make changes to the permit based upon the comments.

Please submit any written comments directly to me by email (EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov) or to my attention at Illinois EPA, P.O. Box 19276, 1021 North Grand Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276. I will ensure that any written comments (either emailed or sent through regular mail) are included as part of the hearing record.

We anticipate making a final decision in this matter by June 25, 2020.

Thanks,

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Frost, Brad

From: Nancy Loeb <n-loeb@northwestern.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Olga Bautista; Guy, Jeff; Frost, Brad; Ramirez, Gina; Geertsma, Meleah
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Adding the following: The website will not allow us to join on the computer.

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Exhibit 41A

From: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 1:37 PM
To: "Guy, Jeff" <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov>, "Brad.Frost@illinois.gov" <Brad.Frost@illinois.gov>, Gina Ramirez <gramirez@nrdc.org>, "Geertsma, Meleah" <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>, Nancy Loeb <n-loeb@northwestern.edu>
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

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Olga and others

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Ok thanks

Jeffrey J. Guy

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May 14, 2020 1:17 PM from Valerie Bolinger to all panelists: Hi Jeff, this is Val Bolinger. I am in if you need some technical assistance. I am muted, so you may need to unmute me or move me to paneilist so i can help with the attendees if their is an issue

May 14, 2020 1:18 PM from Brad Frost to Valerie Bolinger (privately): Thank you Valerie

May 14, 2020 1:22 PM from Valerie Bolinger (privately): How many attendees are in?

May 14, 2020 1:27 PM from Brad Frost to Valerie Bolinger (privately): 48

May 14, 2020 1:27 PM from Amalia NietoGomez to host (privately): Sounds good. Thank you

May 14, 2020 1:29 PM from Michael Reed to host (privately): Anything started yet?

May 14, 2020 1:32 PM from Lara Compton to host (privately): We can't unmute ourselves.

May 14, 2020 1:32 PM from Valerie Bolinger (privately): Brad, people are unable to unmute themselves

May 14, 2020 1:34 PM from Lara Compton to host & presenter: Hey there, not everyone can unmute themselves.

May 14, 2020 1:34 PM from Lara Compton to host & presenter: It is telling me that I can't unmute.

May 14, 2020 1:34 PM from Clean The North Branch to host (privately): I think people who are on via webex are unable to unmute themselves

May 14, 2020 1:34 PM from Lucy Stanfield to host & presenter: Hello, will all participants be able to see the complete list of webinar participants including number of participants? (this is in addition to the panelists and/or presenters)

May 14, 2020 1:34 PM from Lara Compton to host & presenter: I was supposed to be speaker #2.

May 14, 2020 1:34 PM from Lucy Stanfield to all panelists: Hello, will all participants be able to see the complete list of webinar participants including number of participants? (this is in addition to the panelists and/or presenters)

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May 14, 2020 1:38 PM from Amalia NietoGomez to host & presenter: What is the email address again for comments? And Subject line?

May 14, 2020 1:38 PM from Clean The North Branch to host & presenter: I think people who are on via webex are unable to unmute themselves

May 14, 2020 1:42 PM from Lara Compton (privately): Hey there, not everyone can unmute themselves (people on the computer it seems). I am supposed to be speaker #2. I am on the phone now too.

May 14, 2020 1:45 PM from Brad Frost to Lara Compton (privately): Lara, I can see you and will unmute when your turn to comment

May 14, 2020 1:47 PM from rachelireneance to all panelists: Will others be able to comment?

May 14, 2020 1:50 PM from Brad Frost to rachelireneance (privately): To comment, registration prior to the hearing was required. Registration closed on Tuesday as listed in the public notice

May 14, 2020 2:09 PM from rachelireneance (privately): Thank you. When is the next hearing and cutoff period for comments?

May 14, 2020 2:31 PM from Amalia NietoGomez to host & presenter: I echo what Olga is saying. I'm getting a lot of messages that people can't access the meeting on their cell phones.

May 14, 2020 2:32 PM from Brad Frost to rachelireneance (privately): There is another session at 6:00 comments must be received by June 13

May 14, 2020 2:34 PM from Lucy Stanfield to host & presenter: Hello, will all participants be able to see the complete list of webinar participants including number of participants? (this is in addition to the panelists and/or presenters)

May 14, 2020 5:58 PM from Elihu Blanks to host & presenter: Thanks for the invite and time flex...

May 14, 2020 6:03 PM from peggy salazar to host (privately): My mike has been muted by host.

May 14, 2020 6:04 PM from peggy salazar to host (privately): I registered to speak

May 14, 2020 6:04 PM from Brad Frost to peggy salazar (privately): you are on the list. we needed to identify those that had connected by phone

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May 14, 2020 6:04 PM from peggy salazar to host (privately): OK.

May 14, 2020 6:05 PM from Chuck Stark to host (privately):
Hello Mr. Guy. My name is Chuck Stark. I was in contact with you to register for comment during this meeting. I am present and hope that I may be added to the list of speakers.

May 14, 2020 6:06 PM from Damon Watson to host (privately): Will we be starting soon?

May 14, 2020 6:06 PM from Chuck Stark to presenter (privately):
Hello Mr. Guy. My name is Chuck Stark. I was in contact with you to register for comment during this meeting. I am present and hope that I may be added to the list of speakers.

May 14, 2020 6:09 PM from Brad Frost to Chuck Stark (privately): Mr. Stark you are on the list to speak

May 14, 2020 6:10 PM from Chuck Stark to host & presenter:
Okay. Thank you, Mr. Frost.

May 14, 2020 6:11 PM from Andres Villegas to host & presenter:
Hello!

May 14, 2020 6:15 PM from Alfredo Romo to host (privately):
Alfredo Romo is here and I submitted my request to speak.

May 14, 2020 6:20 PM from Andres Villegas to host & presenter:
Start time?

May 14, 2020 6:30 PM from Alfredo Romo to all panelists: How were the residents of the South East area notified of this public hearing?

May 14, 2020 6:35 PM from Andres Villegas to host & presenter:
<https://www.epa.gov/petroleum-coke-chicago> South East Side residents have had a history of being the victims of unethical business practices. "2nd Ward Ald. Brian Hopkins collected "fluff," which he says is a toxic tumbleweed of carcinogenic substances emitted from General Iron"

May 14, 2020 7:07 PM from Holly DeMuth to host (privately):
Could the person who is speaking now identify himself? Thank you! Hard to keep the voices straight.

May 14, 2020 7:09 PM from Alex McGhee to host & presenter: as a current neighbor: A LOT OF TRUCKS

May 14, 2020 7:11 PM from Elihu Blanks to host & presenter: I'm here

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May 14, 2020 7:32 PM from Elihu Blanks to host & presenter:
Thanks again

May 14, 2020 7:57 PM from Brad Frost to Carolyn Marsh (privately):
I see that you are on and you will be called after Ms. Vance

May 14, 2020 8:16 PM from Carolyn Marsh to host (privately): I
dont know what to do to talk

May 14, 2020 8:17 PM from Brad Frost to Carolyn Marsh (privately):
It appeared that you kept muting yourself

May 14, 2020 8:18 PM from Brad Frost to Carolyn Marsh (privately):
please contact me and I will talk to you about getting your comments into the
written record

May 14, 2020 8:18 PM from Brad Frost to Carolyn Marsh (privately):
brad.frost@illinois.gov

Guy, Jeff

From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 2:00 PM
To: brian gabriel
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron

Mr. Gabriel,

Thank you for your comments, which I will include as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary, which will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions, whether written or oral, submitted at the hearing or during the time the hearing record is open. The responsiveness summary will also provide a statement of the Agency's final action. All speakers and those that submit written comments during the comment period will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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(217) 785-8724
Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: brian gabriel <briangabriel70@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 1:31 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

To whom it may concern:

My name is Brian Gabriel and I am a lifelong resident of Chicago's 10th Ward. I am writing you today to voice my concerns about General Iron moving to the southeast side. For 1, we have enough polluters in our Ward and are known as Chicago's dumping grounds. I've seen, first hand, the pollution that General Iron creates, you know as well. The East Side needs to be cleaned up, not rolling out the welcome mat to bad neighbors whom do not care about the health of our families, especially our children. We have been dealing with polluters in our neighborhood since the steel mills, isn't it high time we send these polluters packing? We DO NOT want General Iron in our area... PERIOD! Please see it in your hearts to not allow them in the 10th Ward. Do it for our families, especially our children.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my concerns and please take all of our pleas into consideration when it comes to making your decision. Our lives literally lay in your hands. Please do the right thing for all of us.

Thank you,

Brian Gabriel

From: [edwin.g](#)
To: [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
Subject: RE: [External] No To General Iron on the East Side
Date: Sunday, May 24, 2020 8:04:12 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Jeffrey,
Thank you for replying and sorry for my late response. Name is Edwin Gonzalez

On Thu, May 21, 2020 at 11:41 AM, EPA. PublicHearingCom
<EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov> wrote:

Hello,

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From: edwin g <insurgnt_1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 7:50 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] No To General Iron on the East Side

Please enter my statement into public record.

The East Sides blue collar working class, many of who are first responders and essential workers during these uncertain Covid 19 times, deserve the same clean air and environment as the more affluent residents of Lincoln Park. The East Side deserves the same level of political and regulatory will and protection as the residents of Lincoln Park.

General Irons history of violations and harmful emissions weren't good enough for Lincoln Park and they're not good enough for the East Side.

We are literally sick and tired from and of being the refuge for the city's toxic industrial polluters. Somehow the General Iron type of businesses that pollute the environment, which aren't allowed anywhere else in the city, end up defecating on the 10th Ward and it's residents. It is unjust, appalling and seemingly discriminatory.

People are uncomfortable with terms like classism and environmental racism. But what sets the East Side apart from Lincoln Park? It's not that East Side's residents lungs and health aren't adversely affected by toxic emissions. Toxic emissions are hazardous to all people. It's not that the East Side's residents are willing recipients of toxic polluting industries. The East Sides residents are opposed to not only General Iron, but have a history of opposing and fighting many other polluting businesses. So if there is no difference in the adverse effects on the health of residents in regards to location, and there is no will from residents to accept the source of adverse physical and environmental effects, what is the rationale for moving a toxic polluting business from a more affluent predominantly caucasian community to a working class predominantly latino community?

Prove us wrong. Do the right thing. Do NOT allow General Iron to move into the 10th Ward.

Thank you

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From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Gordana Buis](#)
Subject: RE: [External] NO General Iton
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 11:51:51 AM

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gordana Buis <gbuis217@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 9:03 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] NO General Iton

As a life long resident of the Eastside of Chicago, I have seen all the pollutants in this area and what it does to the health of our residents and our environment! We do not want general iron in our area. It's not good enough for Lincoln park so why is it good enough for us! NO GENERAL IRON!!
Gigi Buis

Sent from my iPhone

Exhibit 45

R 002253

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Ms Robateau](#)
Subject: RE: [External] No to General Iron on the East Side
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 11:57:55 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Ms. Robateau,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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From: Ms Robateau <hrrobateau@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 9:03 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] No to General Iron on the East Side

Our small yet resourceful community has suffered enough from pollution. Please don't add something more to our struggles. As a teacher that grew up in the East Side and lives and teaches in the East Side, I ask that you keep General Iron out of our neighborhood.

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Caroll Ordas](#)
Subject: RE: [External] East side resident
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:28:18 PM

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Caroll Ordas <caroll7823@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 9:17 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] East side resident

NO TO GENERAL IRON IN The EASTSIDE!!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Tom](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Stop general iron
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:36:03 PM

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. However, please confirm your first and last name for the record.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Tom <cfa04@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:06 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Stop general iron

I am against this move to the East Side location.. matter of fact there is a empty property on 118th and Stony island that is better suited for this business

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Erik Ramirez](#)
Subject: RE: [External] East Side Residents Urge EPA To Deny General Iron's Permit To Build Scrap Plant
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:40:36 PM

Mr. Ramirez,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Erik Ramirez <erik_r42@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:16 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] East Side Residents Urge EPA To Deny General Iron's Permit To Build Scrap Plant

Moving a company like this is an abuse of power. It is inappropriately being located in a community of people who have the exact same humanitarian rights to clean air. We already struggle with the existing factories. I've live in the East Side of Chicago and it is common to hear people from this neighborhood struggle with breathing. Adding this company will only make matters worse. The Hispanic community contributes Chicago with a solid work force and 70% of the youth end up working within the medical field. With the pandemic at hand this will only irritate and add damage to the city of Chicago as a whole. I hope someone with the ability to over see this project takes into consideration that the people of Chicago matter.

Sent from my iPhone

Exhibit 49

R 002257

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Arlene Ramos](#)
Subject: RE: [External] East Side of Chicago
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:48:02 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Mrs. Ramos,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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From: Arlene Ramos <aramos@sfdshs.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:30 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] East Side of Chicago

NO to Iron company on the East Side of Chicago.....

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[Redacted]

*Celebrating 80 Years
of Excellence on the East Side!*

Mrs. Ramos
Athletic Director

St. Francis de Sales High School
10155 S Ewing Avenue
Chicago, IL 60617
773-731-7272 Ext. 237
773-731-7888 Fax

Exhibit 50

R 002259

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [MARIA VALERIO](#)
Subject: RE: [External] NO TO GENERAL IRON
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 1:54:41 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

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Thanks,

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From: MARIA VALERIO <mvalerio623@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:43 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] NO TO GENERAL IRON

THE EAST SIDE IS NOT A DUMPING GROUND, NO TO GENERAL IRON!!!!

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Nelly mares](#)
Subject: RE: [External] No to more pollution
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:15:42 PM

Ms. Martinez,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nelly mares <nellymares5@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:23 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] No to more pollution

Hello,

I'm writing to let you know that I fear having more pollution placed in our community. The scrap yard will be across the street from George Washington High School and close to our forest preserve and lake. I can tell you from experience that it does not get easier to know that our government does not care about our health. We are surrounded by pollution. My daughter would get nose bleeds from the smell that is released by Agrofine during the times they were let of school. We experience this type of health risks everyday in our community. Please reconsider the plant site For the sake of our children.

Thank you,
Nelly Martinez
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [arturo.b.anaya](#)
Subject: RE: [External] No to general iron on eastside
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:29:12 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. **However, please provide your first and last name for the record.**

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From: arturo.b.anaya <arturo.b.anaya@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:44 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] No to general iron on eastside

Please do not bring more harm to the beautiful eastside. We should not be the Northsides dumping grounds!

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [South Shore Ghostbusters](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron.
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:43:15 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Mr. Hagan,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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From: South Shore Ghostbusters <southshoreghostbusters@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:06 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron.

Please please don't let General Iron come to the east side. It is a beautiful place and is still recovering from the years of pollution from other companies. Please don't let them come and pollute my home any more. I have lived here for 15 years. It is my home and I would hate to have to leave because of pollution. There really is no other neighborhood like this one and we don't need it full of garbage for the sake of the almighty dollar.

Sincerely

Mark Hagan.

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: kimcats1501@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: [External] NO GENERAL IRON ON East Side!
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:49:57 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Ms. Boreczky,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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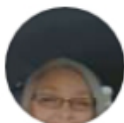


From: Kim Boreczky <kimcats1501@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 12:35 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] NO GENERAL IRON ON East Side!

12:16   



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Kimberly Boreczky



I'm sick and tired of the ES being used as the Cities dump and scrap site! More pollution, more illness! **Susan Sadlowski Garza** this needs to STOP!




2h Like Reply









David Torres

 NO!!!!!! to General Iron!!!!  2
2h Like Reply

 **Juan Flores**
East side lives matter too!
2h Like Reply  2

 **Joann Novakovich**
I did vote against it, it seems we just get cleaned up here and they dump this on us..

2h Like Reply  1

 **Tudy Keeley**
NO!!!!!! to General Iron. Stop bringing all that crap to the East side. All lives matter.
2h Like Reply  1


 Write a comment...  

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Carlos Cerda](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:53:32 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Mr. Cerda,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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From: Carlos Cerda <ccerda773@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 2:44 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

The EastSide neighborhood of Chicago does not want or need another polluter in our area. The companies that are already here are heavily fined for exceeding the limits on pollution but as they pay fines nothing changes except for the rising pollution and cancer rates here!

NO TO GENERAL IRON!!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Pam Navarro](#)
Subject: RE: [External]
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:57:20 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Ms. Navarro,

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From: Pam Navarro <navarro.pam@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 3:56 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External]

NO TO GENERAL IRON!!

Exhibit 57

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Nancy Pacheco](#)
Subject: RE: [External] No to General Iron
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:01:29 PM

Ms. Pacheco,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Pacheco <coquiaries@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 5:06 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] No to General Iron

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to voice my concern for the proposed construction of General Iron in the East Side neighborhood of Chicago. As you may well know, this area is already dealing with pollution of all kinds, especially air quality. With so many residents that currently have respiratory issues, I fear this would harm many more lives in the future if the IEPA allows this to go through. I also have my grandparents, brothers and mother to think about. They currently reside in the neighborhood and have health issues that could be further exacerbated by General Iron. My grandparents also keep a vegetable garden in their backyard. Air pollutants can get into the soil and thus in their food, something I dread to think about.

Quite simply, the opportunities of jobs and tax revenue are not enough to cover the effect this will have on the health of families and the environment. Even the history of this Lincoln Park company are very suspect and irresponsible. I don't have any confidence they will improve if they were to move to the East Side.

I whole heartedly implore you to think of the families and wildlife that will most certainly pay the price with their lives at the fault of General Iron. Do not allow permission for construction.

Sincerely,
Nancy Pacheco
East Side resident 1998-2016
Chicago resident 1990-present

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Mary Esquivel](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron Relocation
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:25:12 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Ms. Esquivel,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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From: Mary Esquivel <maryrink52@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:21 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron Relocation

Sirs,

As a longtime resident of the East Side, I am totally against General Iron relocating to my neighborhood, 116th & Burley, to be exact. For too long our City government has ignored our neighborhood other than to use it as a dumping ground. Enough is enough!

If this company isn't good for the residents in their current location- why would you think it will be good for the residents in our neighborhood.

Find another location. We do not want it here!

Thank you,
Mary Esquivel
East Side concerned resident

Exhibit 59

R 002269

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Adriana C](#)
Subject: RE: [External] NO TO GENERAL IRON ON THE EAST SIDE
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:29:02 PM

Hello,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Adriana C <ibamfxd@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:34 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] NO TO GENERAL IRON ON THE EAST SIDE

Hello,

As a resident of the East Side I am emailing in regards to the plans for General Iron scrap on the East Side of Chicago, this development is an added concern for our health and environmental pollution! The east side has had enough and we won't be overlooked as a largely minority neighborhood in this city. If it's not good enough to be in Lincoln park then it should not be dumped on us!

-Yolanda C

Exhibit 60

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Molinaro, Gail](#)
Subject: RE: [External] NO TO GENERAL IRON
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:31:56 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Ms. Molinaro,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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From: Molinaro, Gail <gsmolinaro@cps.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 10:51 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] NO TO GENERAL IRON

The Eastside has been dumped in for FAR too many years. I still clean petcoke from my windowsills every week.

IT HAS TO STOP NOW! We live here!

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Diana Barthelemy](#)
Subject: RE: General Iron's planned move to the East Side of Chicago
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:34:52 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Ms. Barthelemy,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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From: Diana Barthelemy <dbarthelemy@coynecollege.edu>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 7:58 AM
To: [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#) <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron's planned move to the East Side of Chicago
Importance: High

A company that had recently had 2 explosions at their facilities should just show you the level of disregard they have to public safety and concern. Now you want to allow to move this company from Lincoln Park to a blue collar community. The South East Side is already suffering from the effects of being the city's dumping ground of toxic materials and waste. Why are our lives and health any less valuable from those that live on the North side of Chicago? Why is our community's health for sale? The residents of the South East Side no longer want to be guinea pigs for the effects of polluter like General Iron. Enough is enough! This area is no longer putting up with it. Our children's health, our lives and our land will no longer be sacrificed. General Iron will violate emissions regulations upon moving! That is a fact. Their track record proves it. We do not want our health sacrificed because we do not live on the affluent north side of Chicago.

Diana Barthelemy

Diana Barthelemy

Librarian



Ph: 773-577-8074

dbarthelemy@coynecollege.edu

Exhibit 62

R 002273

From: [John Tabares](#)
To: [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
Subject: RE: [External] GENERAL IRON
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 4:14:26 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you. I appreciate that.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Thu, May 21, 2020 at 3:38 PM, EPA. PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov> wrote:

Mr. Tabares,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Office of Community Relations

(217) 785-8724

Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: John Tabares <jtabares30@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 11:16 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] GENERAL IRON

Hello. I'm sending you this email to voice my concern about General Iron moving to the Southeast Side. In an article I read it states that General Iron's past violation can not be taken into consideration for this current permit. It does however show a history of how this company operates. Most recently not one but TWO explosions. If this is not an example of how General Iron has a total disregard for safety and lack of respect for the community in which it operates I don't know what is. A company who is genuinely concerned about the community and the environment should not have to be fined or told how to operate safely. Lincoln Park does not want General Iron in its community for obvious reasons. We DO NOT want them here for the same reasons. They are a threat to the health and well-being of every man, women and child in the community not to mention the environmental negative impact they will have. This a a chance to do the right thing and deny the permit for General Iron. A chance to have a lasting positive impact for the families, wildlife and environment of today and the future.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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From: [Tony](#)
To: [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
Subject: [External] Re: NO TO GENERAL IRON PERMIT.
Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 7:09:59 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

THANK YOU FOR THE RESPONSE, MY NAME IT TONY PAZ, I NOW RESIDE IN PLAINFIELD,IL. MY AUNT WHO RESIDES AT 1439 AVE. G. IS NAMED GRACE GAONA... I USED TO LIVE WITH THEM FROM 1993 TO 1998.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH..

From: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov> on behalf of EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:40 PM
To: Tony <tony@angulotrucking.com>
Subject: RE: NO TO GENERAL IRON PERMIT.

Tony,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. **However, please confirm your full name.**

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From: Tony <tony@angulotrucking.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 11:45 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] NO TO GENERAL IRON PERMIT.

I GREW UP ON THE EAST SIDE OF CHICAGO,IL. 1439 AVE. G. I BELIEVE THAT GRANTING GENERAL IRON A PERMIT TO BEGIN BUILDING ON 116TH IS THE WRONG THING TO DO. WE

ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH COMPANIES IN THAT SAME AREA POLLUTING THE ENVIRONMENT.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW TO HAPPEN IN THIS AREA..

THANK YOU VERY MUCH..

TONY PAZ.. P.S. MY AUNT STILL RESIDES AT THAT LOCATION... 70 YEARS OLD, AND RETIRED...

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From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Herminia Vanna](#)
Subject: RE: Permit for General Iron
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:43:29 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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From: Herminia Vanna <HVanna@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:04 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Permit for General Iron

Good afternoon, I am a long time resident of the southeast side of Chicago, and have lived in the East Side community for over 30 years. I could write a long letter as to why I oppose General Iron, but instead I will list reasons why they should not be allowed to come into my neighborhood.

1. Our neighborhood is 80% Hispanic, and not economically secure. Many people here are already burdened with health issues such as asthma, heart and lung conditions. Why would we want another polluter moving to our community? In my opinion this is another example of environmental injustice.
2. GI is a very busy recycler and it is said that over 600 additional diesel trucks will be traveling back and forth to deliver materials. Along with the additional traffic, they will also bring horrible smells, dust, and fluff that we do not need nor want. I did mention above that many of our residents are already suffering upper respiratory health problems.
3. General Iron has proven time and time again they will not be good neighbors. They have been cited, fined for not adhering to regulations, and continue to wrack up violations. Of course

the fines they incur are minimal and they can easily afford to pay them.

4. Lastly I will conclude by mentioning that on Monday, May 18, 2020 there were two explosions that occurred at General Iron. Does the east side also have to worry about this happening to us if they are allowed to move here? One more issue to add to the list as to why General Iron should not move to our community which is safety.

I could probably add more examples and reasons but I will conclude by asking IEPA to do the right thing and not grant them a permit.

Exhibit 65

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Jose Rodriguez](#)
Subject: RE: General Iron
Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 3:45:53 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Mr. Rodriguez,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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From: Jose Rodriguez <jrodrigue12@chipublib.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 2:16 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

No to General Iron's permit.

I recently moved to the Eastside I don't want a company with various environmental violations moving in especially within 6 blocks of where I live.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Nicholas A. Valdez](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Block General Iron's Permit
Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 8:09:53 AM

Mr. Valdez,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Nicholas A. Valdez <nickvaldez2@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 11:08 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Block General Iron's Permit

As a lifelong resident of the southeast side of Chicago it is important to voice my opinion for the future of our community. Our soil is still contaminated as an effect of General Steel mill. Our low-income community has fallen victim to pollution for long enough and it would be an insult to the community members to have to suffer the same story.

Present factories in the vicinity include but not limited to Ford and its brother companies in Hegewisch locates on Torrence avenue and 126th street. PECO, BP, And Unilever.

As a community we tired of companies polluting our neighborhoods where people are trying to raise their families and make a humble living. If this company was no good for Lincoln Park it is certainly not wanted in our humble neighborhoods.

-Nicholas Valdez

Exhibit 67

R 002281

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Joel Cortes](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron southeast side
Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 8:12:39 AM

Mr. Cortes,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Joel Cortes <leckylouie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 9:29 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Cc: My Stuff <larynx77@yahoo.com>
Subject: [External] General Iron southeast side

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to voice my disappointment that General Iron will be moving to the southeast side. As a resident of the Eastside of Chicago and a father of 2 growing children I am very concerned that a pollution creating company will be moving not only to the Eastside but in the general vicinity of a high school, grammar school and a very busy public park. Our residents fought to stop pet coke dumping in our area and are trying to improve our environmental quality. Letting General Iron, a company that was driven out of an affluent north side neighborhood because of pollution, establish a facility in a lower middle class neighborhood is a slap in the face to all the working class voters of the southeast side. Please do not allow this company to move to a neighborhood that is trying to rebuild itself and already has other environmental concerns.

Sent from my iPhone

Exhibit 68

R 002282

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Arellano, Viviana](#)
Subject: RE: General Iron
Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 1:09:35 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

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From: Arellano, Viviana <varellano1@luc.edu>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 12:47 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

To whom it may concern,

The East Side community refuses to have a hazardous company like General Iron. We DO NOT WANT THIS!

Regards,

Viviana Arellano

Exhibit 69

R 002283

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Damien Spaulding](#)
Subject: RE: [External] No Dumping site on the Eastside
Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 1:14:40 PM

Mr. Spaulding,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Damien Spaulding <damien.spaulding@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 12:43 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] No Dumping site on the Eastside

I think it is in bad taste to continue to have a lack of respect for the health of the community of the people on the Eastside. We have enough plants and railways and other pollutants it including the city dump that emits harmful smells in the air. Adding another plant seems to be irresponsible. So please as a resident and frequent visitor of the Eastside please don't add another dumping ground to our neighborhood.

Damien M. Spaulding

Exhibit 70

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Eddie Luna](#)
Subject: RE: [External] NO TO THE SOUTH EAST SIDE CHICAGO
Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 1:16:31 PM

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Eddie Luna <djimpact14@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 12:39 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] NO TO THE SOUTH EAST SIDE CHICAGO

WE HAVE ENOUGH PROBLEMS AS IT IS!!

Our united community will fight til the end...

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Rocio Ochoa](#)
Subject: RE: [External] NO TO THE SOUTH EAST SIDE CHICAGO!!
Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 1:18:45 PM

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rocio Ochoa <rocio.ochoa725@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 12:15 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] NO TO THE SOUTH EAST SIDE CHICAGO!!

Please don't do this to our people! We are already dealing with the highest rates of asthma and respiratory issues. My sister, a school teacher - and community member recently had a lung transplant! She doesn't smoke, she has never done drugs - a healthy life! We believe her condition was exasperated due to the neighborhood pollution. Please consider her and all of the community members whose lives are being cut short because of pollution. Directly impacted on the daily because of limited protections to their health. People over dollars! Please. We are NOT the dumping ground for these businesses. NO MAS!

Rocio Ochoa
708-491-5635

Sent from my mobile device.
Pardon the grammatical errors.

Exhibit 72

R 002286

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Deeana](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron Southeast side Chicago
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:10:28 AM

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Deeana <mendoza.deeana@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 6:35 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron Southeast side Chicago

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to voice my disappointment that General Iron will be moving to the southeast side of Chicago. As a resident of the Southeast side of Chicago and a mother of 2 growing children I am very concerned that a pollution creating company such as General Iron will be moving not only to the Southeast side but in the general vicinity of my neighborhood, our high school, our grammar school and a very busy public park. Our residents fought to stop pet coke dumping in our area and our community is trying to improve our environmental air quality. Letting General Iron, a company that was driven out of an affluent north side neighborhood because of their company causing pollution, establish a facility in a lower middle class neighborhood is a slap in the face to all the plethora of working class voters of the southeast side of Chicago. Please do not allow this company to move into a neighborhood that is trying to rebuild itself and already has other environmental concerns. Thank you for your time, your attention on this matter is truly appreciated.

Deeana

Exhibit 73

R 002287

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Julio Julio](#)
Subject: RE: [External] No to General Iron
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:13:22 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

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From: Julio Julio <ponce.julio01@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 7:20 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] No to General Iron

I've lived in the east side over 20 years and lived on 109th and green Bay. I don't miss feeling the ground shaking explosions coming from the old steel mills and I welcome seeing wildlife including deer across the high school I attended; George Washington high. The eastside doesn't need a big polluter within it's residential area especially a quarter mile from a school and a public park.

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [SANDRA LEON](#)
Subject: RE: South east side Chicago
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:15:06 AM

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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-----Original Message-----

From: SANDRA LEON <sandra_rn1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 7:49 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] South east side Chicago

The proliferation of pollution in minority neighborhoods like the one I grew up in .. southeast side Chicago 10th ward.. must stop ! This is environmental racism at its finest. Why not build this plant in a white affluent neighborhood? Enough! I grew up in the East Side and recently moved after 42 years. I'm a registered nurse at The University of Chicago and see the ill health effects of environmental pollution daily. I had enough and finally left. It was bittersweet because I love my neighborhood but I was scarred for mine and my families health. Much my extended family still resides in the neighborhood. I will always advocate for the tenth ward not only as a health care provider , but also as a former resident of this ward and lifelong Chicagoan.

Respectfully,

Sandra Leon RN, BSN

Exhibit 75

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Aracely Galvan](#)
Subject: RE: [External] NO to General Iron
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:16:55 AM

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Aracely Galvan <aracely.galvan@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2020 8:41 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] NO to General Iron

To Whom It May Concern:

As a lifelong resident of the tenth ward I urge the EPA to side with the community who continually fights against pollution in this area.

The numbers do not lie. This current epidemic has brought to light how inequality leads to detrimental health. It is unthinkable that General Iron would bring any benefit to this community who pollution related health issues continue to grow.

For the sake of those who live here we urge you to look out for the well Being of working people

Aracely Galvan

Exhibit 76

R 002290

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Maira Borja](#)
Subject: RE: [External] East side pollution
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:18:26 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

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From: Maira Borja <mairaborja12@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 3:49 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] East side pollution

We have so many fabrics and pollution in our area to bring another one. Try wa aling down by 103 torrance that area smells we have children playing around and breathing all this harmful chemicals already to bring another one to our community

Exhibit 77

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Margaret Gomez-Cortes](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:20:08 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Margaret Gomez-Cortes <hummingbirdhts@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 4:10 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

I live on the South East Side of Chicago within the 10th Ward. I'm the mother of 2 teenagers and live just a few blocks away from the proposed site for General Iron's relocation. We are deeply Troubled by the fact that this area continues to be a dumping ground. The health and safety of our children and our medically fragile population, inclusive of our children with special needs, appears to be of no concern. Our health and that of our children is just as important as those residing on the North side of the city. Many families here do not have the means to relocate if pollution becomes excessive, Of which we know it will. It is certain that this area is a need of development; however, it should be ONLY the type of development that will benefit our families, take into consideration their health and safety, allowing for our communities to grow and small businesses to receive the support they so badly need. It has been said that this relocation will bring employment, but to what cost? Following the exit of the steel mills from this area, the morale changed and the condition over all had declined. Over the past years, we have had many community organizers, faith-based groups, and residents that have gained a sense of renewal and empowerment to take back our neighborhoods. Joining together with them in solidarity, I am exercising that right at this time and

urge you to DENY General Iron's permit to build a scrap plant.

Margaret Cortes

Exhibit 78

R 002293

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Silvia Vaca](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General iron
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:28:19 AM

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Silvia Vaca <silvia.vaca@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 24, 2020 9:34 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General iron

NO TO GENERAL IRON ON THE EASTSIDE!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Angelica Delacruz](#)
Subject: RE: [External] No to the general iron on the east side
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:36:52 AM

Hello,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Angelica Delacruz <delaang03@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 10:55 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] No to the general iron on the east side

No to the general iron on the east side!

We live here. If it's that dangerous that even the employees are not being allowed to work because of the explosion for 2+ weeks, why would they think it's a good idea to bring that garbage here?

We do not want them here for the same reasons they are not wanted in Lincoln Park. They are a danger to any community.

Keep them away!

Exhibit 80

R 002295

From: [Rachel McKinzie](#)
To: [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General III LLC Permit
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 12:03:31 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Mr. Guy,

Thank you for your quick response and attention to this matter.

Sincerely

L. Rachel McKinzie

From: Guy, Jeff [mailto:Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov] **On Behalf Of** EPA.PublicHearingCom

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:46 AM

To: Rachel McKinzie <lrnckinzie@gmail.com>

Subject: RE: [External] General III LLC Permit

Ms. McKinzie,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

The hearing was held online with call-in access. Two hearing sessions were held, an afternoon session beginning at 1:30 pm and an evening session beginning at 6:00 pm. The recordings of the hearing may be accessed at the following links:

Session 1 <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/epa/EPA-Public-Hearing-051420-1.html>

Session 2 <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/epa/EPA-Public-Hearing-051420-2.html>

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

Hearing Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Office of Community Relations

(217) 785-8724

Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Rachel McKinzie <lrnckinzie@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:08 AM

To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>; EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>;

Frost, Brad <Brad.Frost@Illinois.gov>

Cc: Rita Malfeo-Klein <rmalfeo@att.net>

Subject: [External] General III LLC Permit

Dear Mr. Jeff Guy and Mr. Brad Frost,

I note that there was recently a public hearing (May 14th) on a proposed permit to construct a scrap metal recycling facility by General III LLC to be located at 11600 South Burley Avenue in Chicago, Illinois. As the proposed facility is in my neighborhood, I have concerns about the impact on my community and the standards being used to approve the issuance of a permit.

I learned of the public hearing too late to attend. Can you assist me in finding out what comments

and responses were presented at that public hearing? I see there is an outline for the public hearing online, but it does not include the actual comments made at the hearing. Will the comments presented be posted, and if so when may I expect that to be made available?

Additionally, the notice of the hearing states that the Illinois EPA reviewed the application and made a preliminary determination that the application meets the standards for issuance of a permit. In General II, LLC's initial submission of repository documents, the introduction states: "There are no IEPA or USEPA regulations limiting emissions of specific metals or requiring an ambient impact analysis." Can this truly be the case and if so, has it always been the case? I do not have any technical knowledge about the standards being applied. Nor do I fully understand how many different agencies' standards apply. But needless to say, it is common knowledge that the EPA standards have been loosened considerably and in some cases eliminated completely under the current federal administration. Please tell me whether any of the applicable standards currently being applied to this proposed permit have changed over the course of the last 3 ½ years and if so, in what way. And also, are there stricter standards being applied for a permit of this nature in other states or jurisdictions? Thank you so much for your attention to the matter. If there are any further hearings or deadlines related to the permit, will you please keep me informed.

I live in a cooperative building with 65 apartments in South Shore. As a community, we are very disturbed about whether this facility will have an environmentally adverse impact on our living conditions.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Citizen

L. Rachel McKinzie

7321 S. South Shore Drive 4C

Chicago, Illinois 60649

773-978-6541

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Exhibit 81

R 002297

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Rafael Razo](#)
Subject: RE: [External] No General Iron
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:40:02 AM

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Rafael Razo <razorafael@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 1:55 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] No General Iron

Please No General Iron on the East Side.

Exhibit 82

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [jessica chav](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:42:10 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

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Thanks,

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From: jessica chav <jessicachavarria36@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:06 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

Please do not let General Iron move to the East Side of Chicago, or any other part of Illinois it is inhumane. Thank you

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Elena Calvillo](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:44:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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From: Elena Calvillo <lainee0119@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:09 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

Hello ,

I am a concerned resident of the East side of Chicago. I have 2 young children and am blocks from the future General Iron plant. Please do not let General Iron move to the East Side of Chicago. My son currently uses a Nebulizer for various respiratory issues. I fear that this would worsen his condition.

Thank you for your time in this matter

Elena Calvillo

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Ana Sanchez](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron - Not Welcome
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:45:56 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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From: Ana Sanchez <sanchez.anaer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 2:18 PM
To: ward10@cityofchicago.org; letterforthemayor@cityofchicago.org; EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov
Subject: [External] General Iron - Not Welcome

Please do not let General Iron move to the East Side of Chicago.

Sincerely,
East Side Resident

Exhibit 85

R 002302

From: [Mark Velez](#)
To: [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
Subject: [External] General Iron Vs. East Side Chicago Pics 1
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:03:24 PM
Attachments: [gipic4.png](#)
[gipic8.png](#)
[gipic6.png](#)
[gipic2.png](#)
[gi pic 1.png](#)

Pictures Attached



GEORGE WASHINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL
Rest in Peace
EMILY PINTO

WE BREATHE
CLEAN
AIR
TODAY

NOT SAFE FOR
LINCOLN PARK
NOT SAFE
FOR THE
EASTSIDE

STOP
GENERAL
IRON!

Rest in Peace
EMILY PINTO

STOP
GENERAL
IRON!

NOT SAFE FOR
LINCOLN PARK
NOT SAFE
FOR THE
EASTSIDE

WE DEMAND
CLEAN
AIR
TOO!



R 002305

NOT SAFE FOR
LINCOLN PARK
NOT SAFE
★ FOR THE ★
EAST SIDE



R 002306

GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



Y U A R E B A

WE DESERVE
CLEAN
★ AIR ★
TOO!



R 002307

GEORGE WASHINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL
Rest in Peace
EMILY P. ...

STOP
GENERAL
IRON!

NOT SAFE FOR
LINCOLN PARK
NOT SAFE
FOR THE
EASTSIDE



From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Enriqueta Pacheco](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:59:55 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

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Thanks,

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From: Enriqueta Pacheco <queta.pacheco59@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:02 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

Hello,

I have been living in the East Side of Chicago for over 30 years and I have noticed many changes in the neighborhood including lots of pollution. I recently heard that General Iron is making its way over. Please do not allow that to happen. We do not need anymore pollution here. Protect our health. Support our black and brown community.

Thank you,
Resident of the 10th ward.

Exhibit 87

R 002309

From: [Mark Velez](#)
To: [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
Subject: [External] General Iron vs East Side Chicago Pics 2
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:06:40 PM
Attachments: [gipic3.png](#)
[gipic10.png](#)
[gipic5.png](#)
[gipic9.png](#)

Pictures Attached

R 002310

**STOP
GENERAL
IRON!**



NOT SAFE FOR
LINCOLN PARK
NOT SAFE
* FOR THE *
EASTSIDE

WE DESERVE
CLEAN
* AIR *
TOGO



RI 002311



GEORGE WASHINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL

Rest in Peace
EMILY PATO

WE DESERVE
CLEAN
AIR!
TOO!

NOT SAFE FOR
LINCOLN PARK
NOT SAFE
FOR THE
EASTSIDE

STOP
GENERAL
IRON!

GEORGE WASHINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL
Rest in Peace
EMILY PINTO

STOP
GENERAL
IRON!

NOT SAFE FOR
LINCOLN PARK
NOT SAFE
FOR THE
EASTSIDE

MESSAGE
CLEAN
AIR



R 002313



GEORGE WASHINGTON
HIGH SCHOOL

Rest in Peace
EMILY PINTO

The George Washington School District
10000 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL 60642

WE DESERVE
CLEAN
AIR
TOO!

NOT SAFE FOR
LINCOLN PARK
NOT SAFE
FOR THE
FASTSIDE

Exhibit 88

R 002314

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [josephaguilar](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:13:48 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: josephaguilar <josephaguilar@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 3:23 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

Please do not allow General Iron

to move to the Eastside of Chicago. Our area already has high levels of cancers, asthma, and COPD. Help our people.

Joseph and Bertha Aguilar

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy Phone.

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Luis M Alvarez](#)
Subject: RE: Please do not let General Iron move to the East Side of Chicago
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:16:58 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

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From: Luis M Alvarez <lm30@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 9:17 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please do not let General Iron move to the East Side of Chicago

Please do not let General Iron move to the East Side of Chicago

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Rachel Roti](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Do Not Move General Iron to East Side
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:19:32 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Ms. Roti,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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From: Rachel Roti <rachroti@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:55 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Do Not Move General Iron to East Side

I work at Washington High School and am opposed to moving General Iron to the East Side. Our residents deserve basic natural rights to life in a healthy environment. Moving General Iron to the East Side only brings more pollution and health hazards to an already polluted environment. We are not a dumping ground! If this was removed from a wealthy and predominately white neighborhood due to health concerns, then do not force it upon us. I expect you to stand against this environmental racism and fight for the health of our community. Our neighborhood matters, not just the north side neighborhoods.

I believe the East Side has so much potential to grow. However, it cannot do so with inequitable decision-making from the city. Please do not let General Iron move to the East Side of Chicago.

Thank you,
Rachel Roti

Exhibit 91

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Annamarie Garza](#)
Subject: RE: [External] RESIDENTS SAY NO TO GENERAL IRON!
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:22:15 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Ms. Garza,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

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From: Annamarie Garza <jogarza1@flash.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 11:41 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] RESIDENTS SAY NO TO GENERAL IRON!

Hello Friends at the Illinois EPA.

Please do not let General Iron move to the East Side of Chicago. We do not want another polluter here. The East Side community deserves BETTER!

Respectfully,
Annamarie Garza
(773) 758-4706 Cell

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."
- Martin Luther King Jr.

Exhibit 92

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Joann Podkul Murphy](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:25:08 AM

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Joann Podkul Murphy <joannmpm2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:07 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

If General Iron is so terrific why not leave it where it is??

Why relocate it to an area that had had its fill of polluters and is beginning to celebrate its assets as part of the Calumet Collaborative, a bi-state organization spreading over 50 miles from the USX site to the Indiana Dunes. This effort celebrates our mutual cultural heritage including the art, music and labor, maritime and cinematic history, and aims to be a tourist destination. General Iron's presence will not enhance the prospects for success of this movement that has been decades in the planning stage.

General Iron's myopia and focus on self-interest is not in keeping with the dedication of area residents who tirelessly work for the betterment of the community.

Yours truly,

Joann Podkul-Murphy

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Yolie Rangel](#)
Subject: RE: GENERAL IRON
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 2:54:39 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

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From: Yolie Rangel <tiny217@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 10:54 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] GENERAL IRON

Please do not let General Iron move to East Side of Chicago

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone
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From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [angel avalos](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Say No to General Iron in the East Side Community
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 3:04:33 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

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Thanks,

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From: angel avalos <angelavalos1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:18 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Say No to General Iron in the East Side Community

To whom it may concern,

Please say no to General Iron in the East Side neighborhood of Chicago. It's bad enough for Lincoln Park to run them out of the area but good enough for us to accept? We deserve better. We deserve to live healthy lives.

thank you

-Angel Avalos

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Angel Avalos
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From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Merrick O'Connell](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron No Way!
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:14:58 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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From: Merrick O'Connell <moconnell135@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:24 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron No Way!

I am absolutely opposed to this company coming to my neighborhood. General Iron has a history of violations with the EPA (you already know that!). The 10th Ward already has too much pollution and the stench on certain days is unbearable. We deserve to have a community that is not a dumping ground of Chicago. Please keep this company out of our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Merrick O'Connell

Exhibit 96

R 002323

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: lresteviz@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:20:26 AM

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: lresteviz@gmail.com <lresteviz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 6:33 AM
To: [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#) <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

Please do not let General Iron move to the East Side of Chicago.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Ceasar Rodriguez](#)
Subject: RE: Health Issues
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:23:08 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Ceasar Rodriguez <crodris44@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:20 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Health Issues

Hello my name is Ceasar Rodriguez and I have lived on the Eastside of Chicago my entire life (40 years). As a child I have witnessed my sister and friends grow up with asthma and other related health issues more than any other area in Chicago. I had a friend's sister AND mother have brain tumors that had to be surgically removed. With General Iron moving here, to a place that has already been polluted by the old steel mills, they will be adding to our already contaminated soil. We are not the dumping grounds for the city of Chicago! Thank you for your time.

Ceasar Rodriguez

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Exhibit 98

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Cristina Rodriguez](#)
Subject: RE: [External] NO to General Iron Moving to Chicago's East Side
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 8:27:57 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Ms. Rodriguez,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Cristina Rodriguez <tinatx2302@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 6:56 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>;
 letterforthemayor@cityofchicago.org
Subject: [External] NO to General Iron Moving to Chicago's East Side

Dear Jeffery Guy and Mayor Lightfoot,

I'm writing to express my extreme concerns related to General Iron's planned relocation to Chicago's East Side neighborhood. This company has a history of causing high rates of pollution that impacts surrounding communities. Earlier this month, there was a major explosion at the General Iron's current location on the north side of Chicago.

This company should not be allowed to operate in our city and should not relocate to the south side. It's obvious that the impact of this company's operations would cause harmful consequences to the health of residents in the community -- the permit request **should be rejected.**

I am a resident in the community which already has pollution and materials from the old steel mill plants that negatively impact the community and is a huge public health concern. Additionally, the toxic fumes from the manufacturing plants and refinery in Indiana constantly travel to our

neighborhood and terrible fumes can be smelled. There is no doubt that these toxic fumes are negatively impacting the health of residents in the surrounding areas and it's appalling that anyone is considering the authorization of yet another pollution-causing company to operate in our already very disadvantaged neighborhood.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Thank you,
Cristina Rodriguez

Exhibit 99

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Session detail for 'General III LLC Public Hearing':

*Attention to Duration ratio: Attentiveness based on total duration of the event.

**Attention to Attendance ratio: Attentiveness based on how long participant was in the event.

Participant Name	Email	Date	Invited	Registered	Start time	End time	Duration	*Attention	**Attentio	Company	Title	Phone Nur	Address 1	Address 2	City	State/Prov	Zip/Postal	Country/re	Network	Internal Participant:
1 Brad Frost	brad.frost@	#####	No	No	1:01 PM	8:23 PM	443 mins	99%	100%			1-217-7827027						External	N/A	
2 Tina Riverz	trivera@rk	#####	No	No	1:10 PM	1:37 PM	27 mins	6%	100%									External	N/A	
3 Michael Er	m@t.com	#####	No	No	1:10 PM	5:05 PM	235 mins	3%	5%									External	N/A	
4 Rex Gradel	rex.gradel	#####	No	No	1:14 PM	1:16 PM	2 mins	0%	100%									External	N/A	
5 Ann Zwick	azwick@fr	#####	No	No	1:15 PM	2:35 PM	81 mins	5%	29%									External	N/A	
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8 Steve Jose	stevejosep	#####	No	No	1:16 PM	2:35 PM	79 mins	1%	8%									External	N/A	
9 Sandy D	sandy.10tr	#####	No	No	1:17 PM	2:35 PM	78 mins	17%	100%									External	N/A	
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186	Angelica Si asierracor	##### No	No	6:15 PM	8:17 PM	123 mins	12%	43%	External	N/A
187	DaVorah V davorah.w	##### No	No	6:15 PM	8:23 PM	128 mins	29%	100%	External	N/A
188	Mari Gonz karima19@	##### No	No	6:16 PM	8:16 PM	121 mins	18%	68%	External	N/A
189	Valerie Bol valerie.bol	##### No	No	6:17 PM	6:47 PM	30 mins	0%	2%	External	N/A
190	Donna Fon elfin4e@gr	##### No	No	6:19 PM	8:17 PM	119 mins	19%	73%	External	N/A
191	Andres Vill andresville	##### No	No	6:20 PM	6:36 PM	17 mins	4%	100%	External	N/A
192	Howard La howard@l	##### No	No	6:23 PM	8:17 PM	115 mins	26%	100%	External	N/A
193	Casandra f cassie529@	##### No	No	6:23 PM	7:07 PM	44 mins	10%	98%	External	N/A
194	Nick Radak nickrxhc@	##### No	No	6:24 PM	8:18 PM	115 mins	0%	2%	External	N/A
195	Maya Rodr mayarod2t	##### No	No	6:24 PM	7:07 PM	44 mins	10%	100%	External	N/A
196	Garth Tyso garthtyson	##### No	No	6:24 PM	7:13 PM	50 mins	0%	0%	External	N/A
197	Yessenia B yessenjaba	##### No	No	6:24 PM	8:02 PM	98 mins	11%	52%	External	N/A
198	Alex McGH alexaamor	##### No	No	6:27 PM	7:33 PM	66 mins	2%	16%	External	N/A
199	Andres Vill andresville	##### No	No	6:33 PM	6:33 PM	1 min	0%	100%	External	N/A
200	Maggie Lei maggie.len	##### No	No	6:43 PM	7:13 PM	31 mins	7%	97%	External	N/A
201	Maya Rodr mayarod2c	##### No	No	7:12 PM	7:34 PM	22 mins	5%	100%	External	N/A
202	Garth Tyso garthtyson	##### No	No	7:24 PM	8:17 PM	54 mins	0%	0%	External	N/A
203	Denise Lop dlopez@el	##### No	No	8:21 PM	8:22 PM	1 min	0%	100%	External	N/A



Request ID **112910**

Number of Sites Requested **1**

Date Requested **5/26/2020**

Due Date **6/2/2020**

Organization **Freeborn & Peters**

Name/Address **Ms. Ann Zwick
311 S. Wacker Drive
Suite 3000
Chicago, IL 60606**

Organization Type **Other**

Day Phone **312-360-6254**

Email **azwick@freeborn.com**

Air Land Water OER Legal

Request Detail - Item 1

Is Commercial

From **03/30/2020**

To **05/26/2020**

Reference ID(s)

Request Narrative

031600SFX

All comments submitted pertaining to draft construction permit No. 19090021 for General III, LLC located at 11600 South Burley, Chicago, Illinois.



Request ID **112995**

Number of Sites Requested **1**

Date Requested **6/4/2020**

Due Date **6/11/2020**

Organization **Freeborn & Peters**

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Request Detail - Item 1

Is Commercial

From **05/26/2020**

To **06/04/2020**

Reference ID(s)

Request Narrative

031600SFX

All comments submitted pertaining to draft construction permit No. 19090021 for General III, LLC located at 11600 South Burley, Chicago, Illinois.



Request ID **113055**

Number of Sites Requested **1**

Date Requested **6/11/2020**

Due Date **6/18/2020**

Organization **Freeborn & Peters**

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Organization Type **Other**

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Request Detail - Item 1

Is Commercial

From **06/04/2020**

To **06/11/2020**

Reference ID(s)

Request Narrative

031600SFX

All comments submitted pertaining to draft construction permit No. 19090021 for General III, LLC located at 11600 South Burley, Chicago, Illinois.

Exhibit 101

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

General III, LLC in Chicago Availability of the Hearing Recordings

The Illinois EPA Bureau of Air held a public hearing on Thursday, May 14, 2020 to accept oral comments on the proposed issuance of a construction permit to General III, LLC, a scrap metal recycling facility proposed to be located at 11600 South Burley Avenue in Chicago.

The hearing was held online with call-in access. Two sessions were held, an afternoon session beginning at 1:30 pm and an evening session beginning at 6:00 pm.

The recordings of the hearing may be accessed at the following links:

Session 1

<https://multimedia.illinois.gov/epa/EPA-Public-Hearing-051420-1.html>

Session 2

<https://multimedia.illinois.gov/epa/EPA-Public-Hearing-051420-2.html>

WEBVTT

Exhibit 102

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Well, good afternoon, the current time is one thirty one PM and behalf of the Illinois director. John Kim I'd like to welcome you to. Today's hearing. My name is Jeff guy, and I'm an agency hearing officer before we get started.

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I'd like to say that we appreciate your time today and we look forward to receiving your comments over the last several days. I've been in contact with many of you on the phone or email and I know you're eager to be heard.

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So, after the agencies opening statements, so we'll begin to take your comments.

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If you should run into connection or audio issues,

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that the agency has prepared opening and closing statements that will be included with the public record and posted on our Web page in the same place where they're hearing notice draft permit and other documents have been posted at this time please mute your cellphones and other electronic

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devices.

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We're going to take us a few moments here to identify certain speakers to make sure they are connected. If I call your name. Please unmute yourself in stage. I'm on the line.

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Gina Ramirez.

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Gina Ramirez.

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Robert, and also Robert Patterson.

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Malia.

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Malia.

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Jordan online.

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You get, thank you, Andy Douglas time on the line.

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Can you say that again? Andy? Yes. I'm on the line. Thank you.

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To get that one more time. Sorry we're having a bit of a technical glitch
one more time. Andy. Are you on the line? Sorry? Yes. Hello. Can you
hear me?

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Okay I am on the line I'm on by phone. Okay. Thank you. We got Thank you.

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And Brian cabinets, Brian catalogue.

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Okay, and Christopher here.

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Christopher O.

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Hara though,

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00:03:23.245 --> 00:03:26.094

and Damon Watson.

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Okay. We're gonna go ahead and get started. This is an informational hearing being held pursuant to agency procedures for permit and closure plan hearing, which can be found at thirty five, Illinois administrative code part one sixty six part.

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these regulations are available on the Illinois pollution control board websites at that goes my purpose as a hearing officer is to ensure this hearing runs properly and according to these rules,

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this is not a contested case tearing.

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Rather this is an informational hearing, and the matter other construction permit for a scrap metal recycling plan. We're holding a sharing for the purpose of accepting comments from the public concerning this permit prior to making a final decision.

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The agency has made available documents for public review. That outlines the major permit terms and conditions that are the subject of this hearing and those documents are available on the agencies. Public notice web page.

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On September twenty,

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three LLC submitted construction from an application to construct and operate a scrap metal recycling facility to be located at one one,

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zero,

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zero,

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South,

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early Avenue in Chicago,

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Illinois,

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which would relocate their existing operation of general to LLC.

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At night, no, nine North clicked an avenue in Chicago. This plan is required to obtain an air pollution control construction from it prior to beginning construction because it is a new emission source.

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The Illinois EPA has reviewed the permit application and made a preliminary determination that the application meets the standards for issuance and is prepared to draft permit for public review and comment.

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However, before issue on stuff, the permit, the agency is holding a public comment period to provide an opportunity for the public to understand in comment on this proposed action.

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We will fully consider and respond to all significant public comments and may make changes to the permit based upon the comments. The agencies accepting written public comments on the draft from it. During the comment period.

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As indicated in the public notice written comments should be received no,

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later than midnight,

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June,

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two thousand twenty,

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and should be submitted to EPA dot public hearing com at Illinois dot
goes again.

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That's dot public hearing com at Illinois dot. Gov.

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Or two,

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the Illinois attention Jeff guy hearing officer PO Box one,

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nine,

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North grand Avenue,

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Springfield,

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Illinois,

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If a comment is email, please include general, three LLC in the subject line of the email. We anticipate making a final decision this matter by June twenty, fifth, two thousand and twenty.

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Now, I'd like to explain how this hearing will proceed first. We'll have agency staff, introduce themselves and identify the responsibilities within the agency.

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Then a few of our staff will provide a brief overview of information we believe is relevant to today's proceeding.

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This will be followed by additional instructions for me on how we will begin taking public comments. Today's hearing will be recorded and the recording will be included as part of the public record.

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We will post the recording on our Web page in the same place where the hearing noticed draft from it and other documents.

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Have been posted written comments are given the same consideration is oral comments made during this hearing, and maybe submitted at anytime, during the comment period, which again and June thirteen th, two thousand point.

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Although we will continue to accept comments through that date today, is the only time that we will accept oral comments agency staff here, with me, will be available to answer questions if those questions are readily available.

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But, if the question calls for additional research, or is too complicated for a quick answer, they may respond by deferring the response to the responsible summary, which will be available on the agencies public notice, web page.

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00:07:56.394 --> 00:08:09.535

This summary will be prepared by the agency as part of the hearing record and we'll include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms and suggestions written or oral submitted at the hearing.

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Or during the time the hearing record is open.

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The response in the summary will also provide a statement of the agencies final action.

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All speakers, and those that submit written comments during the comment, period will be notified of the final decision in this matter and the availability of the response. In the summary as a hearing officer, I intend to treat everyone in a respectful manner.

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And I asked that the Illinois staff, and the public please do the same please do not argue, or engage in pro, long discussions with agency staff, and please keep for comments related to issues, involved with this permit in addition.

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Please avoid unnecessary repetition. Once a single point. Is made it makes no difference at that point is made once or a dozen times it will be considered, and it will be responded to in the responsiveness summary.

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If you had long comments, please consider giving only a summary of those comments and then submitting the entirety of your comments to the

agency before the end of the comment period. And I will ensure that they are included.

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In the official hearing record,

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while this record is open,

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all comments documents and data will be placed into the hearing records exhibits at this time agency staff will introduce themselves and then make Bree statements after that we'll begin taking comments from the public.

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Yeah. Brad for us office community relations this is Rob blaming.

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I'm one of the agency's lawyers with the division of legal counsel, and I work with the bureau their permit section in permitting and other licensing matter.

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This is the agency Spanish translator, any community relations coordinator.

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Remember I'm a burner on a farm, and I was in the federal reinforces a permit a permit section. Good afternoon. My name is Bob.

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Ernest, I'm the manager of the fairly enforceable data operating permit unit within the ACA view of air permit section. I will now provide a brief overview of permitting and of the permit.

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That is the subject of this year.

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Generally permits are required and no one way prior to construction and operation of a mission units and air pollution,

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controlling with the permit program and permit issued there under,

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provide a consistent and systematic way of ensuring that air emission sources are built and operated in compliance with a flexible state and federal air pollution,

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control,

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laws and regulations in the permit and a permit application.

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The owner requires a description of the emission source and emission units proposed for construction, the list of types, and amounts of contaminants that will be added and a description of the emission controlling equipment to be utilized.

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This information is used to determine whether the admission source can comply with standards adopted by the Illinois pollution and control board and the United States,

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environmental protection agency you are,

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and it's review of an application.

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The owner EPA has no choice legally.

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But the issue of construction permits to us,

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or if the source will be in compliance with all state and federal air,

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pollution,

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control regulations,

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to ensure compliance,

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00:11:52.495 --> 00:12:02.634

the only establishes conditions in the permit or requirements that the source must conditions may restrict such things as the number of hours of operation.

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The amount and type of materials use or the operating and control practices, use by us stores, conditions within the permit.

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May also include requirements for testing parametric, mind, trying record, keeping and reporting to demonstrate that restrictions are in fact, being met failure to comply with conditions subjects.

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The source to the risk of enforcement that may include fines or other penalties additional tools for insuring complying compliance include agency review of reports.

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That is sources obligated to submit an onsite inspections of stores. For example, a source must report submissions to the each year, and must promptly report any deviation from permit requirements.

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These reports are reviewed by the Illinois to assess compliant the Illinois EPA also, periodically visits the stores to confirm compliance for observation about operations and review of source records.

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The problems are identified by either review of source reports or direct observation. Corrective measures will be required and legal action maybe pursue.

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In this proposed, permit, the new facility will be authorized to receive respectable materials, such as end of life vehicle, use appliances and metals scrap to be shredded and process.

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The permit requires that the emission from the Strider be control that control train consists up and shouldn't capture foot with reperforate.

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That is inside metal said a sight clone roll, media filter, a regenerative thermal advertiser and a scrub.

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The permit further requires inspection of the air pollution control equipment, and a log of controlling equipment operation.

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The permit places,

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Lemme admissions from the app operations and requires testing of PM dam two point five metal to date,

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led opacity and allies high to determine emissions from the source.

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Also the permit calls for parametric monitoring this monitoring addresses scriber pH, differential pressure and flow rate.

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And oxidize or combustion chamber temperature, and the permit calls for record, keeping and report in addition to the generally applicable, flexible, statutory and regulatory requirements.

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The required this version model limitations on days and hours of operation, based on the modeling operation and emission limitations for all operations. At the side.

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A fugitive emissions control plan for storage files, roadways, material processing and transfer and a maintenance plan for the shredder concludes my opening remarks.

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Thanks, Bob and just for some clarification, we're only taking a roll call on folks that we can identify in our systems.

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So, for example, Mark, we have, you lined up a speaker number two and Laura Compton will be number one followed by Mark and then Gina Ramirez.

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So, just as a reminder everyone is muted automatically. And then we will unmute only the current speaker just one at a time. When it is, your turn to speak, I will call your name, but wait for me to ask you to proceed before you start your comments.

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And when it's your turn to speak, just ensure that your your devices unmuted state, your name and affiliation for the record.

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00:15:59.394 --> 00:16:10.884

And you may indicate that you're a resident or a concerns citizen, for example, and for the benefit of our official record, please spell your last name and please limit your comments to five minutes each.

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So, again, our first speaker will be Laura and Laura. Are you on the line? I'm here. Can you hear me? We can go ahead.

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Bye. Thanks.

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To follow the directions. My name is Lara. The O. P. O. or anything else that I needed to add in there.

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I think that's good. What is your affiliation? Sounds good. I'll go ahead. Thank you. For the opportunity to speak today. I'm more content, and I'm an eleven year resident of Chicago's forty Third Ward.

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A member of the North Branch, and most importantly a month.

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Add a current neighbour to general iron I implore you to not grant this serial the opportunity to poison and endanger yet another Chicago communion.

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In addition, I ask that you shut the correct facility down and how it can prove it is operating within complete compliant on the north side. General iron is not a good neighbor.

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It doesn't abide by the rules and regulations of the city, nor the EPA, for at least twenty years numerous residents pep out, ranging from noxious mouse and explosion to littering street.

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Sidewalks in playground. Hours of operations are not adhered to workers walk our streets and gas masks.

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00:17:48.775 --> 00:18:01.944

Picking up particulate matter, and putting it into mislabeled metal canister and a fine layer of desk can be seen on everything from card to windowsills to playground equipment.

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People have recorded smells as far away as the six, six and a L station and fluff as far away as the Linkin Park zoo but you don't have to take my word for it. Or my neighbors on March.

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Twelve twenty, twenty, that's just a few weeks ago. Guys, as our city was making its initial plans to address the coven, nineteen pandemic, a Chicago Department of health, environmental inspector.

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Responded to a citizens complaint here's what this engineer had to say, an inspection log number one, one, two, zero, eight. That would be a quote.

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I could not fully inhale nor could I keep my eyes open at this location when leaving the area after the inspection.

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I could feel my nose robbing and check discomfort and quote,

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in addition to public health inspector senators,

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Durbin and duckworth have also sent you letters raising concerns about this operation,

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and then moved to the new location as mentioned earlier.

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00:19:11.424 --> 00:19:20.694

I'm a mom. I'm a mom trying to raise my eight year old daughter and son in the city. I love, and just like many families on the North and South Side of Chicago.

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I'm struggling with that decision,

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00:19:22.555 --> 00:19:31.075

because our city continues to empower and embolden known pollutants rather than curb their behavior and listen to the advocate,

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00:19:31.434 --> 00:19:33.714
like neighbors for environmental justice,

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00:19:34.164 --> 00:19:34.855
little village,

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00:19:34.855 --> 00:19:36.684
environmental justice organization,

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00:19:36.714 --> 00:19:37.855
and clean the North print.

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00:19:38.694 --> 00:19:51.234
General has proven time and time again that they cannot will not adhere
to the rules and regulations the, and the city of Chicago set. Why do
you think this time will be different?

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00:19:56.220 --> 00:20:04.974
Thank you for your comments with Compton our next speaker is Mark villas.
Who will be followed by Gina Ramirez?

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00:20:06.595 --> 00:20:19.494
Mark are you there? Yeah. So okay. Go ahead and proceed here. Yes, sir.
Laura.

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00:20:21.535 --> 00:20:30.144
Good afternoon everyone my name is Mark. I am a proud lifelong resident
of Chicago's East Side neighborhood.

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My family lived on the southeast side of Chicago over seventy years so I
want to thank the for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinion
today.

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I decided to speak out for all those in my community who chants,

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for are afraid to the side is approximately eighty percent Hispanic and I
haven't seen and any information come out in Spanish.

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So,

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many of our non English speaking residents are completely in the dark
commerce issue,

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but rest assured that I speak for every single resident of Chicago beside
neighborhood saying that we are firmly opposed to general iron moving
into our neighborhood,

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even in the midst of beholding nineteen pandemic hours,

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00:21:22.164 --> 00:21:25.494

able to gather more than two thousand signatures,

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which from a local residents protesting this operation moving into our
neighborhood is the neighborhood that most people have never heard of,

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either in Chicago,

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and from the track record of thirty businesses that have been allowed to
operate here besides the neighborhood,

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and the city of Chicago is not care about whatsoever.

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00:21:51.055 --> 00:21:59.994

Within one mile other location and discussion today we have Roman bar,
right across the street.

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00:22:00.805 --> 00:22:13.404

And this is our local part and if the corona virus wasn't terrorizing the
entire country right now, this park would be filled with families
under these siders. Gather here.

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00:22:13.404 --> 00:22:17.904

Every weekend watch their kids for there are five baseball,

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00:22:17.904 --> 00:22:21.025

diamond and ice skating rink football,

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00:22:21.265 --> 00:22:32.305

the soccer field playground sprinkler for kids to play in and drinking
problems also process St George Washington high score.

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00:22:32.545 --> 00:22:40.315

George Washington, elementary school announce yada grammar school within a mile away. William.

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00:22:40.315 --> 00:22:51.654

W, powers for preserve, which happens to be my favorite part of living on the side, but unfortunately, not any of the production or the fishermen away.

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00:22:52.200 --> 00:22:56.575

First of all the solution created from the surrounding industrial businesses,

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and not have a reputation as bad as the one that you're trying to allow to look into our neighborhood in the past few years along.

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00:23:08.575 --> 00:23:15.144

I have three levels has died from cancer. My rose just one month ago.

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00:23:15.984 --> 00:23:27.865

I know the relatives were related to each other. The only linking factor was that we all live on the side on top of this our last count.

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00:23:27.894 --> 00:23:42.055

How many family members and friends, and the neighborhood have passed away from cancer are currently battling cancer other illnesses attributed to living in a polluted area.

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The only common denominator is that all these people or guilty,

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or living on the side and yet here we are,

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we're inches away from the island yet another company to move in and destroy the neighborhood that I will Illinois.

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Mpa adopted the terms environmental justice and environment until equity.

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I'm begging anyone who has the power to stop this project from happening Stefan and see that as an violation of both environmental justice and environmental equity

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00:24:23.664 --> 00:24:25.194

reserve management group.

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General iron is bragging to us about their enclose trader their suction, their high efficiency filters, the solar panels, air monitoring technologies.

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00:24:38.634 --> 00:24:41.605

There are two million dollar thermal oven.

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This means nothing to us. We don't care about this. We don't want your promises. We have no desire to negotiate. We have enough solution.

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We do not need anymore. If this company is not safer, we can part it is not base or the East side.

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Please Laurie,

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like,

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for governor,

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Illinois please step up and put your money where your mouth is just because we are Hispanic does not mean we deserve to be Chicago dumping ground.

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Thank you. Thank you.

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And for the record Mr. is your name spelled? V. L. E. Z your last name?

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Thank you at this time we're gonna try to identify a few more speakers. So please hold for a second.

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So, Robert eight Olson.

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Are you there, Robert? Eight elson.

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Brian cabinets Christopher. O. Hara. Okay.

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We're gonna go ahead and proceed. Our next speaker will be Gina Ramirez and please spell your last name for the record and then you can begin Gina.

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Hi, this is Gina for me.

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Yes, we can. Okay. Amazing. She never Maris. R. A. M. I are very easy. I'm a lifelong resident of the southeast side.

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I'm also a member of this southeast side coalition to the impact Coke.

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I first would like to say that I'm very disappointed that I must participate in the virtual public hearing during this unprecedented pandemic. This entire process is rushed in places, an unnecessary burden on our community.

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00:27:21.174 --> 00:27:24.984

Fugitive dust auto, fluff, loud, freaking noises.

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00:27:25.440 --> 00:27:38.065

These will be the words I'll be using to describe my neighborhood if this term is approved these descriptors will be additions to the others that I already currently use a file odors, manganese and PETCO.

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The Southeast side has been a sacrifice zone for decades the applicants reputation as a notorious violator of rules and regulations. Terrifies me. This is enough to neighbour.

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Anyone in the world should have to live amongst especially my community that faces more health problems like as mind cancer. We have been told that this will be a state of the art facility and so welcome them with open arms.

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But what you're really asking us is to put our family's health on the line with empty words and promises and that is not right for fire too long.

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We have seen the first hand of a station that occurs when we left companies regulate themselves. We have lost loved ones in early ages to illness.

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We avoid certain streets because of heavy track traffic, and spend hours at meetings. Like this one advocating for our lives. I am sick and tired of the industry taking over our livelihoods, destroying our house in this neighborhood.

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My five year old son deserves the same opportunities and access to help this other children. And the city they continue concentration of polluting industries in this neighborhood is wrong and downright racist for my family sake.

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And for all future generations of this neighborhood, I'm asking you to do your job and protect us and active another company a permit to poison us. Thank you. Thank you Gina.

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Appreciate your comments and next will be Malia. Are you on the line?

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Maria, I'm muted by the host. I can't.

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We can hear you, everyone's on mute until it's their turn to speak. So your next go ahead and proceed. Please you can hear me. Yes, ma'am. Okay. Thanks. Very much. My name is g. E. R. T. S. M.

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A. and I am a senior attorney with the natural resources, defense councils, environmental justice team based in Chicago.

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I'm here today on behalf of and its three million members, and advocacy activists nationwide, roughly ten thousand members, and activists in the city of Chicago.

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Several of whom live a short distance from the site of the proposed new metal shredding facility has represented southeast side members for a

number of years to address a range of facilities that have gone under regulated and then have debated

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enforcement and has a longstanding partnership with the South,

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Southeast,

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environmental task force,

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and the Southeast sided coalition to ban textbooks,

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we're partnering with coalition on in depth written comments that we will be submitting to the agency.

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By the deadline in Jen. Today I'm raising several high level comments at this hearing.

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First, the tiering does not provide a meaningful opportunity for public participation due to the emergency conditions.

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This virus prevents many members of the disadvantage community from having to help the time the bandwidth, the financial means and even the computer or Internet resources to hear or learn about the proposal.

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Let alone to participate in a virtual hearing. I myself am only able to participate because my husband and I have flexible employment and I have to jump off as soon as I'm done to go take care of my son who is five years old in at home with me.

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Second due to the code, nineteen emergency, and it's particularly devastating impacts on low income communities of color.

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We disproportionately bear the burden of solution, racism and others, socio economic disadvantage in our society, the Illinois and the governor's office to determine that the permitting action should not move forward at this time.

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Third,

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that the applicant had failed to describing his materials and the agency and failed to consider the cumulative and disparate impact of permitting a new source of heavy metals and other toxic air water and pollutants in this already overburden environmental

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justice community,

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which has among the highest monitored levels of airborne metals in the entire state fourth,

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the applicant has failed to describe and the agency of sales consider the long,

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and largely unresolved track record of his environmental violation.

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The business is involved in bringing the proposed new source of toxic pollution to this environmental justice community,

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including likely violations that have not been investigated by agencies and notice,

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or adjudicated violations for the same types of operations that are being proposed.

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Here. This that the applicant has sailed to describing its materials, and the agency has failed to consider the proposed new source along with the four to five other sources already located.

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That's up early, a single source for air permitting purposes. The failing to evaluate the true impact of this proposed comment on the community, or hold the full source accountable for meeting stringent standards.

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Say that the applicant has failed to describe and its materials, and the agency has failed to consider an accurate estimation of the emissions from the many sources of pollution at the proposed new facility.

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Instead, assuming unrealistic levels of control that experience shows they have not.

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And cannot meet, and lastly, that the agencies he has once again written a permit, that is largely unenforceable due to the subjectiveness of it's supposed to control obligations and the lack of objective measures for demonstrating compliance.

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And I will notice somebody who was deeply involved in combating the PEC Coke clouds envelope this community. This is tech Coke all over again for these reasons and more that we will layout in a written comments should not move forward with this permit at this time.

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If does persistent proceeding during the state of emergency it should it should deny the permit for these reasons. Thank you.

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Thank you Mr. Smith and next us, we will have Jordan followed by Andy Douglas and I sorry I'm sorry if I mispronounce anybody's name are you ready? Jordan? Are you there?

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Give me one second. Mr.

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Number.

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Okay can you hear us? Yep. Can you hear me? Yep, go ahead. Not important.

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Last name is David concerned citizen and current general, iron neighbor and Lincoln Park. I like the voice by strong opposition to general irons pending permit as well as their continue operation.

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In addition. I'd like to ask two brief questions at the end of my comment. I previously operated a business, two blocks away from general iron with forty plus employees.

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Most of my employees over a span of two years experience, negative health consequences, particular respiratory effects.

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I'm here to note to everyone,

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for that defects,

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general irons operations are real,

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it impactful to individuals has been noted previously,

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Jay has been a serial bilayer V P roles and all feature permits and regulations should be expected to be ignored as evidenced by prior behavior.

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Their business model is premise, but by and large and operating in violation of EPA guidelines and budget, any fees are fine. If any simply as the cost of doing business. Today's Chicago Tribune.

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An article is a disgrace knowing that Chicago is one of the few major cities. Where solution is increasing during the pandemic.

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My two questions for the group, if they would feel them would be one, how has jazz long history of violations been considered when evaluating the permit into what changes?

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And permitting or monitoring has been, has been made since the Crawford, coal fire plant in little, little village disaster.

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Most recently, can we have a slow down just a little bit and can you can you go ahead and read your first question again? Please for Jordan.

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How has general irons long history of violations been considered when evaluating their permit into what changes to permitting and monitoring had been made since the Crawford coalfire disaster in the little village neighborhood.

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Well, this is Rob layman again. I'm one of the agency lawyers, and I'll be glad to answer your first question.

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The second question may be one that we can have someone else here address or respond to,

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in writing as to how we've considered,

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or whether we've considered past exchanges or other violations.

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We have not done.

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So,

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as part of this permit proceeding,

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and the reason for that,

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is that our purview and reviewing a permit application it's pretty much constrained to what's contained within a permit application.

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And it's,

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it's pretty much,

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just addressing whether or not there are operational or design capabilities that are,

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that are set out in a in a project that,

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you know,

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whether those will may applicable requirements.

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We cannot review or consider violations at another facility.

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As in the case of G, three here having a previous operation to Clifton Avenue address.

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The reason for that boils down essentially to case law that our courts have developed in the past and interpreting the Environmental Protection Act.

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That case law has directed the agency to assure that we can find our review to just matters of the application and not to compliant for enforcement considerations. There are a couple of limited exceptions to that.

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But by and large, that is the that is the rule that we are are controlled by.

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Then this is bread for us excuse me relations and I'll the attempt to address your second question that is, you know, we'll respond to all these fully in our response to the summary.

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So the, they issues that occurred at the floor proper power plant was not a permitting a transaction.

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And it,

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as we're dealing with here at the hearing and stage eight was a situation,

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which ultimately resulted in action by agency among other agencies.

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But it wasn't a permit transaction.

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This is a permit transaction in permit transactions is Rob,

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just described we receive an application,

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and we review it and against the applicable laws and regulations and our decision.

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It has to be based on that. We have instances like this.

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I added taken sensitive measures to to to look at additional.

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The additional enhancements to a draft permit and one of the reasons that we have the hearing is beyond the written comment,

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period is to solicit additional comments that may,

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you know,

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may enhance the permits into that end that you have comments where you're sticking.

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You know, you're, you're, you're seeking enhancements to the permits. We welcome those comments.

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Thank you, George, thank you. Very. Thank you for your responses. I just would note.

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Sorry,

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I don't think I have any minutes left is if a building general contractor violates building codes,

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habitually their licenses often revoked as a result prevents them from seeking future permit,

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regardless of the kinda case law.

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So I appreciate that comment. But I think the position is taking device common sense. I appreciate your time. Thank you for hearing these comments.

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Hey, thanks, Jordan and our next speaker is Andy. Dad was give me one. Second. Andy.

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Okay, Andy are you there?

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Well, hold on please say Andy are you there? Yes. So, can you hear me if I can? Okay. Yes. Hi. My name is Andy. Douglas.

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G. L. A. S.

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And I am here as a member of the executive committee of the Chicago group of this Sierra club I am here to comment on behalf of the secure club that, for the reasons elucidated by so many previous speakers.

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We oppose the operation of general lion on the East side,

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its track record its size,

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and its risk of pollution make it far to great a risk to site that close to high schools to parks to neighborhoods.

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And particularly any community that has been overburden by a long track record of heavy pollution. The on permit identifies. This is an environmental justice community.

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But it does not seem is this that has changed it all the standard for considering allowing another polluting industry into the neighborhood.

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And I volunteered, so I confess, I was not aware of the point just raised that in such considerations, you can only consider what the applicant says on their permit.

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And I, per speaking, personally, at this point, must confess that strikes me is completely contrary to the public interest.

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If any applicant only knows that they have to tell you what they want to what you want to hear, and you need to hear what is even the purpose of, of listening to the people who will be affected.

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You say that if there is a pattern of violating codes are violating their permits that it may impact their future permits but that doesn't help the people who have harmed by their seasons in the meantime.

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And I think there's enough reason to believe that even operating under the best of conditions, this facility will create a, an unacceptable risk of solutions to the public health of the community that has been overburden by pollution.

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I'm not sure if it will count for anything at this point based on what we've heard, but on behalf of the hero club, we also would oppose any consideration of this project going forward.

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Thank you for your time, thank you for your comments. Mr. Douglas.

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Our next speaker will be Olga one moment over. Okay.

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Please proceed hello? Hello? Miss about Easter? Yes, this is putting your.

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Before I start, I just want to address an issue. I'm getting many text messages and phone calls and emails from community members that are unable to log in.

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That are not able to log in, using their computers.

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Who don't have cell phones are not able to log in even with their cell phones don't have space to download and map that is needed to participate on this call because they are not able to afford extra space on their

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phones.

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And I'm very outreach.

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Right now,

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that this hearing is allowed to continue giving the tremendous amount of of glitches and accessibility of this

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process to the folks,

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the residence of the community where this company's planning to move to and they're not able to participate in this process.

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And I want to ask you Brad, I've known you for a long time.

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You've been coming to the neighborhood I'm pleading with, you two go back and think about another process another way to create a equitable participation.

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I mean, that is your job and they have a duty to our community to continue working with us in a ways that are going to be.

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Equitable and right now this process, as it stands, it is not acceptable is not helping. We have people right now who are hearing impaired and are not able to participate.

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And I don't think that this has been thought through enough.

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It feels to me like, it's being rushed and I want to I want you to comment on my question and my concerns right now before I give my statement.

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00:46:22.764 --> 00:46:24.804

Okay. So, again, this is brand for us.

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00:46:24.835 --> 00:46:29.815

And I appreciate those comments all that certainly,

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we have a do we've set up the process so that there a variety of ways that people can participate,

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not just through the computer,

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or even through the cellphone,

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but just a normal phone and,

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00:46:46.224 --> 00:46:48.835

and we've also tried,

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00:46:49.824 --> 00:46:50.125

you know,

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00:46:50.125 --> 00:46:53.875

we've set up the process such that if someone has,

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let's say,

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let's limited minutes on a cellphone and that's the way they were planning to participate that they could contact the hearing officer and to establish a specific time to make their comments.

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00:47:07.105 --> 00:47:16.644

Because we do want to hear everyone's comments, but I do appreciate the feedback and I, I do appreciate your kind words.

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00:47:16.769 --> 00:47:21.864

And I do want to work with you, we always wanna work with the community.

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And then,

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00:47:25.105 --> 00:47:27.025

I guess just as an aside,

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since you mentioned about hearing impaired,

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we do,

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00:47:34.014 --> 00:47:34.405

you know,

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00:47:34.434 --> 00:47:34.735

we,

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we do request that specifically in our notice that if people need those services that they contact us prior to the hearing.

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So that we can make that available. And we did, I get a request to that end.

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00:47:49.735 --> 00:47:50.784

Apart from that,

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00:47:51.204 --> 00:48:06.054

there's also somebody else had mentioned that this information is not in Spanish and we have a lot of people who speak Spanish and we're also in the middle of a pandemic when people are right

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now are just struggling to get by and they need to address,

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like,

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they're the most basic of needs,

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00:48:15.835 --> 00:48:17.304
which is housing,

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which is food,

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00:48:19.795 --> 00:48:25.344
which is healthcare and in a situation,

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like we are right now,

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this is take this is not a priority for people who are caring for folks
who are say,

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who have,

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like,

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00:48:34.675 --> 00:48:38.965
my family are living arrangement has been completely disrupted,

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00:48:39.269 --> 00:48:47.815
because my husband is an essential worker and those considerations that
you have made for the community.

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00:48:48.264 --> 00:49:03.175
I just want to go on record saying that it is not enough and I'm asking
you to reevaluate this process to extended to translate material into
Spanish to work with the elected officials and the

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state level.

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And then the city levels to get the information out to our community
members who are going to be impacted if this move from dinner in from
the north side to the South side.

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Continues and that's my question right now just for you to evaluate this process, will you will you connect with our elected officials?

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Because our older woman has not put out any information about this hearing to her constituents because she's also been impacted.

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She has staff members who are a sick with the disease staff members who have lost their partners to this disease and she is overburden.

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So, so I think that it is only fair for our community to be able to get a process.

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That is gonna be able to meet all their needs also, you know, us, Brett, you could call us and tell us how can we make this more efficient how, you know, you know, you know, Peggy, you know, what?

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You can ask us what are the needs, but we never got their Conrad. And this is really unfortunate, because we have a lot of people. Like, I haven't seen them getting teams.

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It's really hard for me to even focus on my comments right now, because I'm trying to do it something that you should be doing and I could have been working with you all of us. Leah. Gina.

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00:50:30.474 --> 00:50:41.005

Keith Harley, Nancy, a little bit more, has a week's of all have been working with you to be able to make this process a process that is equitable. And that is not what that's not what's happening here.

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00:50:48.445 --> 00:50:52.074

Thank you. Okay. Do you do you have any remaining?

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Yeah, but I want to know if you will consider extending this process and making an adjustment to your timeline so that you can allow a real equity and robust participation for people in my community.

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I, this is brand again for the record.

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00:51:12.985 --> 00:51:24.534

I don't think that that's something I can answer today, but certainly, I, we can talk after that, you know, we can internally discuss the request.

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00:51:24.534 --> 00:51:34.614

I, I consider that a comment on the record that we need to respond to. Okay, thank you Brad. I appreciate you.

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And I will send you my cell phone number, although you probably saw it at the bottom of my emails that I was sending you right now. So my statement, my name is all about style. My last name was spelled.

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00:51:50.934 --> 00:52:01.735

I am a community leader in the southeast side of Chicago. I have been working on issues of environmental justice, environmental racism, equitable land, use, permitting and zoning for many years.

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I'm in urban planner with the aligns for the Great Lakes concentrating my work on.

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The Kelly river, I'm a board member of the Southeast environmental task force.

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I was a leader in the community that an, an organization called the southeast side coalition to ban peck hope that thought the removal of the petroleum coal piles from our community.

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I was also my, I cut my teeth and environmental justice working to stop the relocation of a call guest vacation plan for moving to an area.

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Very close to the site the general iron wants to relocate and I'm called it my statements, you know right right. Now, I'm concerned, because we have an opportunity to stop a problem before it becomes.

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And I realized, and I understand because the limitations to this process that even though we're making these statements very little is gonna be able to impact.

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So now I'm asking that we try to look at what the public health impacts are of the relocation of general iron also and how that can inform the current,

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the state of Illinois regulations when addressing this kind of premise.

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You have an opportunity to do that. The governor has an opportunity to call this what it is an environmental racism issue to stop it to evaluate this process and.

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And session,

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and we know that the state legislature is going back into session and I would ask that the make and the director of the please make

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a move to protect our community speak up for us as the state legislatures being opened up again and make this a priority so that we don't have issues down the road that are going to

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cause harm to people in our neighborhood or already overburden by this situation that we live in along the industrial corridor here on the river.

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00:54:19.795 --> 00:54:23.784

We, I, I'm asking for a moratorium.

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I'm asking for the to hold whoever, hold the process so that we can have a moratorium on permitting during this pandemic.

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00:54:37.079 --> 00:54:51.804

That is the only thing that will really be able to help protect us. These permit transactions. Right now, during this pandemic are really uncalled for you all have the duty to protect the residents of this community.

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And I, I'm really concerned that.

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We've been hearing about general iron being sold to another company R. M.

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g who has one of the worst track records for metal shredder in the entire country and that this, the general Ion is going through this process right now with the intention of selling their company.

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And as I'm doing the work right now,

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with the regarding the industrial quarter modernization initiative along the river,

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and we started to do research with our partners at Metropolitan planning Council,

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and an advisory committee,

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that is made up of community members and leaders from the southeast side one thing that we have found it extremely difficult is to is to keep track of these companies as they're changing names as they have violations with this with the state.

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And then they merge and change names with other companies and trying to keep track of that. There's not a single place that we can turn to right now to be able to get a clear picture of the kind of missions that are happening in our community.

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Everything on the website that is available to us is in PDF form. We can't search it.

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It is extremely time consuming and I'm sure you guys are having issues with it as well.

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And these are all the, the kind of things that I would hope that could be addressed during a moratorium when we're when we go back if we have a more.

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00:56:33.204 --> 00:56:42.505

And then we can go back to permitting and zoning based on the information that we gather there. Are foundations out there then we'll fund this work.

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We just need to be asking the right questions and have the plans to go into the right research.

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Because right now it is absolutely unconscionable for the state of Illinois to continue permitting under these conditions given that.

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We have a pandemic, and also knowing that the city is not up to test to protect the community based on the what happened in little village with Hilco.

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I mean, it was like, little village was bombed in this and that is unacceptable. So, we need you to step up.

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00:57:18.204 --> 00:57:31.795

We need the state of Illinois and the, and the governor to step up and do what they have to do to protect us. Because the city of Chicago is falling far behind the ball and they're not able to do it.

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Those are my comments. Okay. Thank you. Ma'am for your comments. Appreciate that. And at this time we're gonna take about a three minute break and we will reconvene here shortly.

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00:58:55.440 --> 00:58:59.125

Okay, we have gone through most of our common our speakers today.

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00:58:59.184 --> 00:59:13.675

However, there are three identified speakers that are there's three registered speakers that we still are trying to identify and we're gonna go through one more time and ask if you're on the line first is Robert eight Olson.

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00:59:14.340 --> 00:59:19.764

Are you on the line? Robert? Robert eight elson.

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00:59:27.295 --> 00:59:39.269

Thank you. Okay. How about Brian? Kevin, are you on the line, Brian?

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00:59:51.864 --> 00:59:52.344

Thank you.

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00:59:53.550 --> 01:00:02.244

And Christopher Christopher O hare Christopher O Hara.

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01:00:08.670 --> 01:00:11.215

Hey, please hold the line for a few more minutes. Thank you.

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01:01:41.335 --> 01:01:49.644

Okay, we're going to attempt to try to find these three identified speakers one last time. So we're gonna mute. Everybody's line.

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01:01:50.755 --> 01:02:01.135

And we are going to try to find a Robert eight also, try our hardest to continue. And Robert eight. All sorry.

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01:02:07.405 --> 01:02:16.224

If you could please mute your your devices, please and only on mute. If I call your name, that'd be really helpful. We have quite a few people on the line.

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01:02:17.784 --> 01:02:23.184

We're helping you live in the power.

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01:02:28.675 --> 01:02:33.744

Well, that concludes our public comment session. Thank you for your participation. Today's public hearing.

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If you did not present oral comments today,

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but still was to comment,

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please submit your written comments to the agency as directed in the public notice,

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the public notice can be accessed at the web page written comments will be included in the official record and reviewed by the agency as a response,

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and the summary is prepared the record,

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and this matter closes on June thirteen th,

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two thousand twenty please send your written comments to the attention of
Jeff guy as indicated,

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in the public notice,

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the repository of documents for the permitting action is available and
Illinois office,

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you can obtain those through a foyer request to the agency.

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01:03:11.364 --> 01:03:17.275
This can be done through our website. You can also contact the agency if
you need help with this request.

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01:03:18.119 --> 01:03:21.625
Thank you for your participation today and this hearing is adjourned.

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01:03:37.375 --> 01:03:51.264
Good evening, the current time at six o'clock PM on behalf of the
Illinois director. John Kim I'd like to welcome you. Today's hearing
my name is Jeff guy, and I'm the agency hearing officer before we get
started.

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01:03:51.264 --> 01:04:02.034
I would like to say that we appreciate your time today we look forward to
receiving your comments over the last several days I've been in
contact with many of you by phone an email and I know you are eager to
be heard.

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01:04:02.724 --> 01:04:13.914
So, after the agencies opening statements, we will begin taking your
comments if you should run into audio connections or other technical
difficulties during the hearing, please attempt to reconnect.

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01:04:15.894 --> 01:04:27.505
Please note that the agency has prepared opening and closing statements
that will be included with the public record and posted on our Web
page in the same place where the hearing notice draft permit another
documents have been posted.

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01:04:29.190 --> 01:04:34.405
At this time, I'm going to take a moment to identify certain speakers to
make sure they are connected.

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01:04:35.369 --> 01:04:47.574

If I call your name, please state I'm on the line this is on a roll call for everyone. It's just to identify certain registered speakers who connected, in a way in which we cannot see their names. So please had some patients.

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01:04:48.085 --> 01:04:58.105

And again, what I call your name simply state I'm on one Cynthia, strictly.

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Cynthia strictly.

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01:05:11.340 --> 01:05:16.704

It will circle back Deanna Courtney.

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01:05:22.855 --> 01:05:30.655

Yeah, Alfredo Romo.

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01:05:33.360 --> 01:05:33.630

Okay,

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01:05:42.775 --> 01:05:43.255

Jenny,

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01:05:44.394 --> 01:05:52.585

I'm on the line say that four times they,

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01:05:52.585 --> 01:05:53.514

I'm on the line.

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01:05:55.315 --> 01:05:58.824

I'm on the line. Okay.

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01:06:00.210 --> 01:06:13.855

Karina Rhonda? Yeah. For.

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01:06:17.969 --> 01:06:26.065

Christopher, okay, okay we will circle back later to see if we can identify those speakers.

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01:06:28.105 --> 01:06:34.074

This is an informational hearing being held pursuant to agency procedures for permit and closure plan hearings,

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which can be found at thirty five,

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Illinois,

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administrative code part one sixty six some part a,

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these regulations are available on the Illinois and control board website at PCB that Illinois dot my purpose as a hearing officer is to ensure that this hearing runs properly and according to those rules,

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this is not a contested case herring rather this is an informational hearing and the matter of the construction permit for a scrap metal recycling plan.

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We're holding this hearing for the purpose of accepting comments from the public concerning this permit prior to making a final decision.

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The agency is made available documents for public review, the outline, the major permit terms and conditions that are the subject of this hearing and those documents are available on the agency public notice on September twenty fifth of two thousand.

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three LLC submitted a construction permit application to construct and operate a scrap metal recycling facility to be located at one one,

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early Avenue,

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Chicago,

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which would relocate their existing operation of general to LLC.

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At one, nine, zero, nine, North Clifton Avenue and Chicago, this plan is required to obtain an air pollution control construction permit prior to begin and construction because it is a new emission source.

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01:08:00.474 --> 01:08:11.094
The Illinois has reviewed the permit application and made a preliminary determination that the application needs to standards for issuance and it's prepared a draft permit for public review and comment.

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01:08:12.414 --> 01:08:21.204
However, before issuance of the permit, the agency is holding a public comment, period to provide an opportunity for the public to understand and comment on this proposed action.

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01:08:22.225 --> 01:08:36.715
We will fully consider and respond to all significant public comments and may make changes to the permit based upon the comments. The agencies accepting, written, public comments, on the draft permit during the comment period as indicated in our public notice.

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01:08:36.744 --> 01:08:51.625
Written comments should be received. No, later than midnight, June, thirteen th, two thousand twenty, and should be submitted to EPA the public hearing com at Illinois dot or to my attention.

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01:08:51.654 --> 01:09:04.375
Jeff guy hearing officer PO, Box one, nine, two, seven, six, ten, twenty one North grand Avenue, Springfield, Illinois, six to nine, seven, four Dash, nine, two, seven, six.

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01:09:05.395 --> 01:09:16.104
If a comment is email, please include general, three LLC in a subject line. The Illinois anticipates making a final decision this matter by June twenty, fifth, two thousand and twenty.

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01:09:17.545 --> 01:09:27.534
Now, I would like to explain how this hearing will proceed first. We will have the agency staff here with me introduce themselves and and identify their responsibilities within the agency.

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Then a few of them will provide a brief overview of information we believe is relevant to today's proceeding. This will be followed by additional instructions from me on how we will be taking comments.

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01:09:41.814 --> 01:09:49.104

This is Brad for us office of community relations. Good evening. My name is Rob. Layman.

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01:09:49.194 --> 01:09:57.715

I'm a lawyer for our division legal counsel, and I work with the Bureau of air permit section, and both permitting another licensing matter.

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01:10:03.444 --> 01:10:09.984

Good evening my name is I am the agency Spanish translator, and, and also community relations coordinator.

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01:10:17.064 --> 01:10:26.454

This is the no permanent analyst with bureau over premise section. Good evening. My name is Bob.

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01:10:27.024 --> 01:10:35.965

I'm the manager of the fairly enforceable state operating permit within the bureau air permit, and after just a little bit more information we'll have, Bob.

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01:10:36.295 --> 01:10:44.784

Give you some more information, a brief overview, but I just wanted to inform you that today's hearing will be recorded and that recording will be included as a part of our public record.

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We'll post that recording on a web page in the same place where the hearing noticed draft permit and other documents are located written comments are given.

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The same consideration is oral comments, made and during this hearing and maybe submitted us at any time during the comment period. Which, again, ends June thirteen, th, two thousand twenty, although we will continue to accept comments written comments through that day.

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Today is the only time we will accept oral comments agency staff here will be available to answer questions if those answers are readily available.

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But if the question calls for additional research or too complicated, for a quick answer, they may respond by deferring the response to the response in the summary, which will be available on the agencies. Public notice web page.

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This summary will be prepared by agency staff as part of the hearing record and we'll include a summary of all of use significant comments, criticism and suggestions.

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Written or oral submitted at the hearing, or during the time the hearing record is open.

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The response in this summary will also provide statements of the agency, spinal action, all speakers, and those that submit written comments during the comment, period will be notified the final decision on this matter.

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And the availability of the response of the summary as a hearing officer, I intended treat everyone in a respectful manner. I asked that Illinois staff and the public please do the same.

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Please do not argue, or engage in prolong discussions with our staff and please keep your comments related to issues involved with this permit in addition please avoid unnecessary repetition. Once the single point is made.

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It makes no difference if that point is made once or a dozen times, it will be considered and it will be responded to in response. In the summary.

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If you have longer comments, please consider giving only a summary of those comments, and then submitting the entirety of her comments to the agency before the end of the comment period.

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And I will ensure that they are included as part of the official hearing record, while the records open all comments documents, and data will be placed into the hearing records exhibits at this time. We're gonna have Bob. Go ahead and give a a brief overview.

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That is responsibilities here generally permits are required in Illinois, prior to construction and operation of emission units in air pollution controlled.

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Permit program and permit issued there under provided consistent and systematic way of ensuring that air pollution sources are built and operate and compliance with applicable state and federal air pollution,

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control laws and regulations and a permit application.

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The Illinois requires a description of the emissions or intermission unit proposed for construction, a list of types, and amounts of contaminant. That will be added and a description of the emission control equipment to be utilized.

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This information is used to determine whether the emission source can comply with standards adopted by the Illinois pollution control board and United States, environmental protection agency, and its review and application.

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And the owner has no choice legally. But to issue, a construction permit to a source, the source will be in compliance with all state and federal air, pollution, control regulations, to ensure compliance. The only establishes conditions.

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And the permit a requirements that the source must file conditions may restrict such things as the number of hours of operation,

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the amount and type the materials you or the operating and control practices used by a scores conditions within the permit.

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May also include requirements for testing. Parametric monitoring record, keeping and reporting to demonstrate that restrictions are, in fact being met.

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Failure to comply with conditions subject, the sources, the risk of enforcement that may include fines and other penalties additional tools for ensuring compliance include agent.

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The review of reports that sources obligated to submit an onsite inspection of,

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for example,

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a source must report intermissions to the each year and must promptly report any deviation from permit requirements.

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These report are reviewed by the Illinois to assess compliance. The Illinois, EPA also periodically visits the source to confirm compliance through observation of operations and review of source records.

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The problems are identified by either review a source report, or direct observation.

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Corrective measures will be required and legal action may be pursued in this proposed permit the new facility would be authorized to receive recyclable material,

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such as and vehicle use appliances and metals scrap to be shredded and process.

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The permit requires that the emissions from the trader be controlled,

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that control train consists of an emission capture hood with Robert rates that is inside metal chap,

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aside clone roll,

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media filter or generative,

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thermal oxidize or and a pack that SCR,

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the permit further requires inspection of the air pollution controlling,

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and a lot of control equipment operation,

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the permit places limits on emissions from the operations and requires testing of PM.

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D*** sat PM two point five metals. So two SEO led opacity and hotline, hydrogen, higher elegance to determine emissions from the stores.

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Also,

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the permit calls for parametric monitoring this monitoring addresses,

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discover pH,

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differential pressure and flow right and oxidize or combustion chamber temperature and the permit calls for record keeping and reporting.

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In addition to the generally applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

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The Illinois, EPA required dispersion, modeling limitation on days an hours of operation based on the modeling operation and emission limits were all operations at the site.

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A fugitive of the missions control plan for piles roadway, material processing and transfer and a maintenance plan for the shredder. That concludes my opening remarks.

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Well, thanks, Bob and before we get started, we just have three registered speakers that we need to attempt to identify. So, if I call your name again, please state. I'm on the line Amy gender.

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Cynthia, strictly Cynthia Strickland. Christopher oh, yes. I'm on the line.

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Thank you. Sir. As a reminder.

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Everyone is muted automatically and we will unmute only the current speaker just a one at a time when it's your Turner speak, I will call your name. However, please.

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Wait for me to ask you to proceed before you start when it's your turn to speak Please ensure that you state your full name and affiliation for the record.

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For example, you may indicate that your resident or concerns citizen for the benefit of creating an accurate record. Please spell your last name also limit your comments to five minutes. Each please.

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So, our first speaker is Charles stark stark. Please proceed. Please proceed.

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Thank you. Very much. My name is Charles. Stark. The last name is spelled. S. T. A. R. K. and I am a concerned citizen.

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I teach biology at George Washington High school, which is located at the intersection of one hundred, fourteenth street and Avenue. Oh, I'm here to express concern about the emissions being permitted by the scrap metal recycling plan.

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I'm concerned about this plans proximity to and direction from the school.

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The proposed plant will be built less than three quarters of a mile as a crow flies southwest of George, Washington, high school and George Washington, elementary school.

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As acknowledged in the air dispersion modeling protocol to assess metal emissions impacts, which is document our point one seven, four to one dash seven point one in section.

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Three point eight quote, the prevailing wind direction at the proposing
g, three site is from the Southwest to the Northeast unquote.

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This means that a majority of the plant submissions will be blown towards
George, Washington, high school and George Washington, elementary
school.

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Over the past few weeks, my students, and I have been learning about
sources a particulate matter in the potential health effects that come
from exposure to PM ten PM.

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Two point five,

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according to an article on the EPA website titled particulate matter of
basics,

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some articles less than ten micrometers in diameter,

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and get deep into your lungs and some may even get into your bloodstream
of these particles less than two point five micro meters in diameter
also known as fine particles or PM two point five,

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what was the greatest risk to health unquote?

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The CDC centers for Disease Control article and titled particle pollution
states that particle pollution has been linked to eye irritation lung
and throat irritation trouble breathing.

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And lung cancer, and it is particularly bother some of the people with
lung diseases, like asthma and to children.

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A student of mine shared a story recently about her struggles with Asma
during software practices,

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the softball team frequently practices outside of the school and row and park running as a regular part of their practice routine and the student has been required to use her inhaler during practice on multiple occasions I think of the students,

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as I imagine additional particulate matter of being blown towards the school from this proposed scrap metal,

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recycling plan.

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The current permit for this plan predicts total emissions. A PM tend to be around four tons per year predicts emissions of PM two point five to be about zero point six, five, tons per year.

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And it allows for a total of sixteen point six, eight tons of particulate matter states that these are legally acceptable levels. In particulate matter emissions, from the perspective of a teacher who works regularly works in the downwind path of these admissions.

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It sounds like an awful lot of particulate matter to be breathing in, though, from the perspective of my student, who already struggles with as my during softball practice. It sounds like one and a half additional tons of particulate matter each month to try and manage. Additionally.

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None of these numbers take into account. The particular matter that will inevitably come from the increase vehicle and truck traffic produced by delivery vehicles.

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Well, the EPA has said that these are acceptable levels from this one source. I would like to ask the to not just consider the emissions from this one location, but instead add these admissions to the total amount that the neighbors of each side and the students and George Washington High School will be exposed to.

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If we didn't think of the environments surrounding the facility in the school as a bathtub, the proposal emissions are only adding to a bathtub that is already full of emissions from other sources nearby from. There's little to nothing being done to empty the top.

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I've already cited the air dispersion modeling protocol documents in that same section arcade and associates are asking the EPA to allow them to not count commission collected that the Washington High School air monitoring station on days when the windows not blowing from the Southwest.

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They are apparently worry that they will get blamed for emissions. That are not.

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There's in the meantime, go students of George Washington High School are still getting exposed to particulate matter and other emissions like, manganese their lungs and bodies do not respond to any differently to the emissions just because they come from somewhere else.

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I hope I've made it clear that I'm not in favor of this permit. I would like to ask the EPA to consider a more holistic approach when it assessing the impacts of the missions on this community. That is already placed under large amounts of stress from other major emission sources.

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Finally I have two questions one.

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How may I get access to the readings taken from the air monitoring station at George,

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Washington,

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high school and to what is the best way to maintain a direct line of communication with EPA officials in the event that potential emissions are being viewed from this facility.

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That is all I have to say, thank you very much. So, to your two questions well, I'll start with the first. This is brand for us office community relation my contact information.

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And and in, in various places on our website. So it's pretty easy. Okay. Thank you. Grant up for us at Illinois code.

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And that's the way to do that. Now there to, to get any data out of the agency.

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They you, you can contact me and I can help you navigate your way through our, to our record to unit and requesting that information.

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Can you I'm sorry can you can you repeat that again to get access to the air monitoring station?

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Where do I find that but I would,

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I mean,

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you know,

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the the way our records unit our record unit is the is the section of our agency that responds to requests for information,

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because they have the information and so he oh,

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it's it's a foyer request,

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but if you,

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I need assistance in navigating that process,

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certainly contact me and I'll,

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you know,

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I'll help you navigate that process.

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If that sounds familiar.

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Thank you and then I know that I'm not supposed to you requested. I don't add things, but I did did generate another question for me since you are in the process. You say, you can alter how things are put how reporting is done in the permit?

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Is there any way that we could request direct reporting? Like, could could I, as a member of the public and staff at George, Washington High School request those, those reporting numbers from the company regarding emissions.

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I, I would consider that a comment into the record. Yeah. Cause you can see it's doing kinda, period is open and we, we are actively soliciting your comments and and that would be a comment for the record.

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Sure.

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I appreciate that. Okay. Thank you. Mr. start. And at this time, our next speaker is gonna be piano. Courtney is hold on. One.

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Second can okay whenever you're ready please proceed.

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Thank you for this opportunity to speak my name is Karen. A Courtney last name is C. O. U. R. T. and E. Y, and I'm an associate attorney at the environmental law policy center.

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In addition to today's comments, we will also be providing written comments by the deadline.

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So, one of our projects at is working with community members to gather air quality data around the city of Chicago. We use mobile monitors that have been tested against the and measure particulate matter.

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So specifically TM one, two point, five and ten and we begin monitoring in the North Branch area around this time, the current general, iron facility, because of the numerous complaints about the facility.

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And the air quality there, we also have baseline data near the area to which the applicant is currently moving our data around the current general iron facility show that air quality in that area is unhealthy.

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This facility would be moving to a neighborhood that by IJ start.

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Illinois environmental justice map that mapping tool measures,

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this area as an environmental justice community,

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based on both minority status and income that community also,

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according to screen tool is in.

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At least the ninety second percentile in the state of Illinois for exposure to PM the Illinois legislature has also recognize that the principal of environmental justice requires that know segment of the population,

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regardless of race,

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national origin age or income should bear disproportionately high or adverse effects.

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Environmental pollution, moving this facility does just that accordingly six sections of the Illinois environmental protection act will likely be violated. If this permit is granted.

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This applicant has a history of violations, some of which have yet to be resolved.

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There's an investigation by there's a history of complaints against facility and it is questionable, whether the proposed controls are feasible given the facilities current operations, a demonstration and escalate explanation of such.

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Does not appear to be in the record this also further raises the question of whether the permit limitations can actually be enforced with these controls given that the facility is quote, moving is existing. It's its existing operations.

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The applicant, and this permit also fails to consider the cumulative impact on the community to which the facility is moving in addition to the history of pollution in this area. There are also at least six nearby permitted to facilities.

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That will continue to negatively impact. The health of the residents in this community department, and the applicant failed to take into account the impacts of our vulnerable populations given that there are nearby schools and parks.

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In addition, Illinois, EPA has environmental justice policy in this policy States.

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That Illinois is committed to protecting the health of citizens of Illinois and its environment, and to protect environmental equity in the administration of its program. To the extent that it may do. So, legally and practically.

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But granting a permit for this facility,

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which has a track record of solution,

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and disregarding environmental laws,

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inconsistent with this policy,

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environmental equity is not moving a new violator to an area of
environmental justice concern.

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So,

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we are concerned about that and also concerned about whether this process
actually adequately allows for public participation outside of a
pandemic,

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limiting public hearing to an online form,

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is a hindrance to public participation for those who don't have broadband
with to participate it.

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Also, in the spirit of an actual public hearing, we don't see any
visually that would otherwise be present.

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We don't see the number of people and support or post your position body
language and emotion can either be conveyed as well as as well over
the phone or over computer.

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But now that we're in a pandemic, people are even more limited by in
their ability to participate more than just those technological
reasons.

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Accordingly the timeline for this process should be extended to ensure
that the public has the ability to adequately participate. And lastly,
it's also concerning to learn that during the first hearing earlier.

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Today that there were people who did not receive access information about
this hearing and Spanish and knowing that. This is a community with a
significant population of Spanish speakers. It's very troubling.

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If this is the case, there should be another hearing to allow participation in this process. And not just limit their comments to writing and so I actually wanted to end with a question about that.

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So, are we currently being translated into Spanish now? Or is it just the option for Spanish speakers to be translated into English when they comment.

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Yep, we did that.

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So,

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within the notice,

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we requested that we always request that people contact us if they need various services,

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including Spanish translation,

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and we were not contacted prior to the hearing.

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So she's none the less. We do have a Spanish translator here in the with us. Yes. People would like to make their comments in Spanish.

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So just sorry to clarify, so we're not. So, my current words aren't being translate into so there's no, English Spanish is just Spanish English. We did not receive a request for that. Okay.

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It just hasn't been for the record. This is Brad for us.

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Yeah,

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I think you also had this we've had this conversation just also at other public meetings,

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especially in Waukegan and other neighborhoods that that primarily speak Spanish and the coal ash hearings,

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for example,

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or public meetings,

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for example.

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So it's just getting it also flagging that. I understand that it's in the notice, but if people don't primarily speak English and they're not seeing it in Spanish, then they're not going to know.

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Okay, yeah, so thank you. I thought I thought that it's, it's a comment.

It was a question in the beginning, but it's also just to call it to be added to the, to the record.

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Okay, well well, thank you for that. This is Rob layman.

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I wanted to also addressed one of the other things that you hadn't mentioned in your comments and it tends to shove it dovetails with what was said my a couple of

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folks earlier in our afternoon session and it may in fact,

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dovetail with what a few other the other speakers may may say,

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in their comment,

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we very much appreciate the concern that has been expressed to us here at the agency about holding an informational hearing and a public comment,

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period in the midst of recent event the current public health crisis,

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as everyone knows.

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It's affecting all of us, it certainly seems more significant and pressing than the day to day things that usually hold our attention whether it's in the workplace in our home and neighborhood.

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On the other hand, the state government is still functioning a beard and then some new new ways, and some in different way, but state agencies, like, ours still possess the same basic responsibilities.

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And April May and program as we've had in the past. A pandemic haven't changed. This I might, I also added.

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The regulations under, which we evaluate per many requests are still in place as well, which included requirement that we act in a timely matter on the permit application.

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The for applications involving state construction permits were obligated to act within a certain amount of time. In this case. The initial, ninety days provided for in section. Thirty nine.

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A of the act was waved by the applicant late last year,

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and in fact,

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two times since then at present,

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the decision deadline runs to June,

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the twenty fifth,

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and the applicant will not weigh this decision beyond that day.

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Now, our failure to take action on the permit by that date would result in the issuance of permit by default. This would mean that g three would have a legal defence and essence protecting it from having to obtain a construction permit.

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And it would also mean that the condition to the graph permit, which included various testing monitoring record, keeping, or reporting requirements would not be put into place for the fourth.

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So, for obvious reasons, we try to avoid a permit issue in by default and and one last thing I guess it's it's true. And Brad had mentioned this a little bit I think earlier in our afternoon session, it's true.

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What we're doing is a departure.

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From the type of hearing venue that we've had in the past, but we believe that the procedural rules for our hearings, which are found at thirty five. I don't know, administrative code part one, sixty, six we believe they accommodate for this type of a hearing.

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And this is,

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because the purpose of any hearing informational,

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or otherwise,

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which is to enable the agency to communicate with the public,

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and to receive comments or questions about a draft permitting action,

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we believe it matters,

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conveniently in this new venue as it is.

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And the older one, and even in the absence of a pandemic, it is very likely that we would have moved in the direction of this type of format due to its relative ease and availability for public use.

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Now, that's not to say that we won't have an occasional glitch or technical issue, but we are hopeful that we can work through those things as they arise. And again, thank you. Thank you very much for your comment.

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Thank you Bob for, or sign up a, thank you for explaining that Rob and.

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Yeah, just wanted to thank you for the opportunity to comment you bet.

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Okay, Cana, I appreciate your comments and we're gonna move on to our next speaker who is on Roja. Ron are you there? Yes.

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Hi there ever having me pronounced her name. No, that's great. My name is one row has a last name R OJ yes, I'm a new resident.

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The East side just moved here at the start of twenty, twenty, and I'm a student at the University of Chicago, and have lived in Chicago most of my life and the only my comments is actually pointing to one of Illinois is on comments.

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So, on the Illinois website, you can find a page that describes the southeast side of Chicago, including the ISA neighborhood as environmentally overburden.

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So that's a quote, environmentally overburden the website also notes that residents and activists have thought for action that has produced real improvements in the air quality in real time.

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And so my comment is that the, the EPA should consider that adding these types of solutions. Industrial pollutants will go back on that progress. That has been made in the past five or six years.

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So, I hope that it was clear that I'm against the, the issuance of this treatment. Thank you.

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Thank you for your comments. Our next speaker will be Alfredo Ramo followed by Peggy Salazar. Alfredo. Please proceed. Thank you. Thank you. For this time. My name is Frito.

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Romo. My last name is R. O. ammo and I'm with non neighbors for environmental justice.

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I am opposed to this to this permit in granting general iron, this particular permit to pollute at the new location of eleven, six hundred, South, early Avenue on the southeast side.

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The website states it is committed to insuring clean air for Illinois citizens in the environment. Yeah.

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Based on the IJ screen,

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you report I ran this afternoon from the website,

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it states that the current area where general iron is requesting a permit and isn't the eighty seven percentile on the national scale for air toxic cancer risk and it also states that it's eighty nine eighty nine

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a percentile on the national scale for air toxins.

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Respiratory has her now, this is a community of eighty one percent minority and forty, forty five percent low income.

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And my question is, what is the doing to address environmental health disparities and, you know, these social and equity.

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You know, that's one of the biggest concerns that we do have is as far as environmental justice organizations, and communities are heavily impacted by the thirty fooders.

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So,

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how can the continue to to allow heavy pollutants,

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like gender iron to continue to an equitably and negatively impact the health of residents of the Southeast and it seems that this permitting process just feels rushed and not thoroughly evaluated or

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assess,

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especially during the current covet crisis,

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so I would also like to point out that it's imperative to look at the trajectory and the historical violations in general irons past practices.

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And if this company was a threat and hazard to the public at the North Branch site,

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in an area,

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what a twenty two percentile of an international scale for air toxins cancer,

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a sixty percent percentile on the national scale for air tax's,

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respiratory hazard in a community of seven,

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seventy six percent white and eighty three percent of fluids then it also is a threat to the southeast side in general.

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Iran should not be granted a permit. And so I would like to point out that, you know, that we strongly feel that this is an environmental racism. And this is unacceptable.

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Alright, well well, thank you for your for your comments on your your question. I think I can address at least a couple aspects of what of what your your question dealt with. The first would be the.

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I I don't think we can say, at least here at the agency, I I don't think we can say that we believe the permitting application or the review process was rushed.

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We,

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it may seem that way,

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perhaps,

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because the public had only received notice of this a month and a half or so ago,

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but for the most part,

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this application came in house and late September of last year and so there's,

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there's been ample time for agency staff to address the issue relevant to it and and to develop the permit as well as some as well as some other enhancements that we made

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to the thing.

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And the other thing, which really your your question dealt more broadly with adverse impact. We evaluated then an earlier.

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Person an earlier commenter had noted this,

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that we evaluated the impact of the G,

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three facility by way of a dispersion modeling analysis that was
performed by g three's consultant and it was audited by our agency
modeling analyst.

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This modeling analysis is not a requirement. If you will of the statutory
or regulatory obligation on the part of the company, and by that, I
mean, it was a request by the agency.

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It was exercise as a matter of our discretion to evaluate the impact of
certain pollutants, primarily lead and manganese emissions from the
project.

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And we, we acknowledge that it is in an area that has been subject to
pass and ongoing concerns for those pollutants.

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I'm going to be painting with a broad brush here,

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but I,

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I wanna keep it short because we've got other commenters to get to but
the results of the modeling show that the health standards evaluated
by,

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including the two thousand and eight leg standard that set out in the in
the next,

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and by the way that's an acronym for the national ambient air quality
standards that,

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that shows that for those health Sanders evaluated the facility,

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we're not call recurrent contribute to violation or treatment of those standards.

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And by the way that if you haven't already found it, it is on our website in our as a repository document.

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And so you can, you can certainly view that there and and digest it. If you will.

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If I may add just another additional comment onto your answer, I think that one of the biggest concerns that we do have is that these, these dirty fooders are coming in what they request of a one year construction apartment.

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And then they're also seeking a five year operating permit, or perhaps a ten year permit, or even a lifetime permit.

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So, when it comes to, you know, these thirty coming in, and all these type of elements, I, I think it's also very prudent to to, to, to understand that we need more than just one public hearing, you know, we need more notification.

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We, we need more community input, so that, you know, the residents are really fully aware as to what's coming into their back yards. So, once again, I, I appreciate the time. I appreciate your answer.

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But I will hope that the continue to really, you know, you know, do some review in regards to their standards as to how these businesses are really impacting these vulnerable communities.

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Thank you for your time. Thank you for your comments and concerns. Mr. Roma our next speaker is a South Salazar.

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When you're ready, please proceed. Yes, my name is Peggy Salazar. F. A. L. A.

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I am the executive director of the Southeast environmental task force,

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but more importantly,

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I am a lifelong resident of the southeast side of Chicago,

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and I have seen how,

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when our area was starting to clean up with the steel mills leaving,

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how long that is being reversed by the continued placement of these kinds
of operations here,

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and it's very concerning to me,

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because I just don't think that it's fair and we know that it's,

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we're being overly burden by this stuff.

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But, in any case, I also want to say that I think this meeting is unjust
and it's also an insult to our community.

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These are no doubt extraordinary times for all our communities primary
concern, though, at this time is dealing with the challenges and
threats to the pandemic.

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So,

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to expect our community to operate in a business as usual manner,

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just demonstrates the total disregard for communities like ours also,

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at the Southeast environmental task force is extremely concerned about the awarding of this construction permit to companies that have a track record of multiple environmental violations and all of them.

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Related to the mission,

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the agreements that are made on paper with this permits,

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haven't been proven,

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and a concerning to us when these agreements and self reporting are going to be made by to pushes people in the neighborhood that's already overwhelmed by the number of existing existing mind you

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scrap middle operations,

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the excuse that.

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This is a new operation. Doesn't hold water with the operation is going to be run by the same people who committed those violation.

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So a recent article, and the tribute pointed out that Chicago, in spite of this shutdown continues to have dirty air, high PM level.

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They attributed this high PM readings to emissions and manufacturing. So, with the emissions are coming from diesel trucks.

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So, why are diesel trucks included in the permits somehow knowing that this company's going to be adding six hundred more trucks to our street every day.

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So, in addition to the trucks that are here already, this is extremely concerning to us. It means that we will never have clean air. We're never going to be given that opportunity to have clean here.

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And so, once again, how do you give how, how can we be comfortable with the permit? That is only addressing part of the picture.

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So, what we're asking is that you do not give this permit and given that. We already have the existing operations that I mentioned previously, given that there's going to be seven new warehouses coming into the neighborhood.

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That will be adding who knows how many more trucks to our street and given that the north side residence we're able to move this operation out of their community.

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We should be able as Southside residents to prevent it from coming into our community.

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So,

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we're asking that the,

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not not grant this permits,

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and also in regards to that modeling and talking about manganese,

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it was the air monitoring that was being done it,

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Washington High school that first alerted us to the main issue.

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But no one has ever assured us that that manganese was not also coming from our end who is currently operating scrap metal.

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Operator at the early Avenue address, so, without that assurance, I surely am not convinced that modeling is going to make that bigger different. And so we really just don't want this operation in our community.

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And it's just not like I said, healthy for us.

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We're trying to clean up the area,

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and the really should be responsible for protecting us,

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especially given the situation we're looking to the agency that is to protect us to do just that Thank you.

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Thank you Peggy. Appreciate your comments. Our next speaker will be Joslin wrangle. Followed by Caroline marsh and then James. Kenny Jocelyn please proceed.

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I'm here is Jocelyn wrangle last name R. A. and g I am a concerned citizen and I am in opposition of this permit being issued to general iron.

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I am also a lifelong resident, the in the southeast side of Chicago, I will do my best to be concise. I promise the hole will be greater than the sum of its parts. In regards to my comment. I'm also a registered nurse.

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I was honored to work in our local community hospital for five years, and then had the privilege to work as a transport team nurse for the most recent years of my nursing career.

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While I work in our community or an intensive care unit,

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I provided for our local patient population and noted an extremely large amount of residents who suffered from multiple comorbidities such as emphysema,

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lung cancer,

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diabetes,

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debilitating strokes and cardiac conditions.

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I noticed so many of our youth patient population presented with asthma, environmental allergies and autism spectrum disorders. I remember a pulmonologist remark to me at the nurses station, that this was the sick zip code in Chicago that he had ever worked in.

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It wasn't until I began working as a transport team nurse, visiting vast areas of the Chicago land region that I realized something disheartening.

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The health issues that our residents face are the exception,

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and not every community in the city,

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and region is inundated with the multiple medical that the residents of the southeast side experience it seems that simply living here can be a death sentence for our citizens.

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While my professional credentials are not uncommon. What is unusual is that the fact that I've had to give the same introduction and explain my experience as a local nurse?

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Not once not twice,

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not three times,

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but multiple times,

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in the last few years each time at a public hearing our meeting each one regarding a new environmental disaster in the making a possible threat to our environmental safety and well,

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being here in our community at one point it was a public meeting for manganese exposure and containment another point.

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It was a public meeting to speak out against an asphalt crushing company coming moving directly across the street from residential homes.

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Another time it was across, it was to speak at a public hearing for a CBS expansion that was slated to be built in addition to an already existing CDs containment in our area that currently houses, toxic slugs stretch from the time at river.

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Our community has had to pick up and fight and see the local landfill, which collects garbage for the entire Chicago area that it's not expanded again. And again, over and over our people have been fighting for a temporary reprieve against the cost slot and environmental threat.

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That our community has been victim to well, our past has been one of industry and productivity. The remnants of those years have left our areas slow to recover. It's simply unacceptable to continue the destination or land.

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We refused to give in to the notion that our area is only worthy of development that pollutes and destroys our community, which is so close to the lake. So close to waterways.

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So close to so many acres of wetlands and open green space and so close to highway access points. We realize this area is very much viable. Most importantly, it is a community that has shown on measurable resiliency.

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Just ask any one of our multi generational residents who lived here, just as our parents lived here. My parents grandparents, and I live here those of us that have worked in this community and loved every aspect of being part of this community acids that issue this permit.

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Unfortunately, we've come to learn time and time again that we cannot trust our elected officials to be our advocate in regards to environmental justice when our city council, and those at city hall continue to let a minuscule find when similar operations act egregiously.

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These corporations have learned that they can literally pay fine every single day of every year, and still stay in business. It's unfair, but

they can literally work the cost of fees and fines into their annual operating budget without ever having to change the way.

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They well, we realize we cannot trust our city government to be there for us when there's no measurable budget allocation in place for an increase in the amount of environment, inspectors, or any meaningful enforcement.

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And so many of the promises that we've received in regards to environment have gone unfulfilled.

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We also realize that when companies like general, iron hired, expensive lobbying firms who donate thousands of dollars to politicians, including our very own older woman who in turn readily accepts those donations.

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We realize, we cannot instill confidence and even our local representative ability to advocate for our community, she, in fact, lobby for the tax incentive that allow general iron strategic partner to continue to operate.

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I personally find it disheartening that our current older woman neglect to advertises public comment session in advance, nor does she formally advocate for Spanish translation for our community members to my knowledge.

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So, at this point, our last hope is, for the to be a beacon of light and hope to our area, while there are principles of environmental justice for the southeast side of Chicago outline, as you received in the email attachments from pastor, rich Martinez.

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Unfortunately, many of us do not feel the general iron in any way shape, or form will abide by those principles and guidelines as a community. We have not seen any type of proposed community benefits agreement, or collaborative effort from general, iron to community members and leaders.

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If past behavior is a predictor of future behavior, the violations that have been stacked against general, iron some as recently as March of this year, many from simply as recent as December, twenty, nineteen, we can plainly.

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See, general iron has no intention of operating as ethical stewards of our community environment.

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We are asking those of you at the to simply denied denied,

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deny any,

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and all operating permits that you were able to,

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and to do anything within your power to prevent general iron from relocating and operating their business of pollution here in our neighborhood,

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which has already suffered so much so much environmental abuse throughout the past decade.

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We asked that you put yourselves in our shoes and to uphold the kind of standards you would want for the community in, which you live to approve a company that would add pollution in an area.

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Like, ours would be moral on a regular day, but to allow additional pollution during a time when we're experiencing a longterm respiratory pandemic is unconscionable.

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Thank you for the time to comment I have no questions at this time. Thank you very much this triangle.

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Our next speaker will be Caroline marsh followed by James Kenny, and then corrina Carolyn?

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Please proceed, Caroline are you on the line?

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Please ensure that you are self muted and please proceed with your comments.

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Okay, we'll circle back to Carolyn and we will continue with the Mr. Kenny. Mr. Kenny hold on one second. Please.

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Fifty five.

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Mr. Kenny please proceed.

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These other people so, final things. Mr. can we have you? Mr. Kenny? I'm sorry can we have you start over? We, we didn't. Have you on mute just yet? Go ahead and start. Okay. My name is can you hear me?

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Yep, we can hear you. Thank you. Okay, my name is James Kinney. K. I. N. E.

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Y, I just want to say, I'm nowhere near as elegant as these other people, but anyway, I just have a couple of concerns first of all. I understand that.

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This is a post industrial spot,

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you know,

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the southeast side,

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and we're covered with brown fields down here and we do have a working river down here,

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which makes it convenient for these kind of businesses.

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And we're also like they said, eighty percent Hispanic, and I, and and black, and and they're easy.

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We're an easy community to take advantage of when it comes to dirty industries coming down here.

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The, when I first heard about general wire, and I actually went down there to see what the operation looked like and I couldn't believe it I thought I was working in walking into the nineteenth century.

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And then I came back and I and I brought some residents down with me, and they couldn't believe it themselves. We don't want this down here.

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And I, and I think one of the couple of reasons is that they want the pollution that they were throwing off from their shredder. The it was incredible.

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And we don't want that down here. I mean, we have enough people down here that are sick with lung issues and and heart issues. Oh, yeah. And one of my biggest concerns is the George Washington High school.

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Yeah.

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And,

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like,

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the teacher said first one he had on the primarily the wind is coming from the Southwest in North Northwest,

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and it's gonna hit these kids and they don't they don't deserve that.

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The anyway. I'm against. I'm against some getting a permit.

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And the other thing too is that I, I heard that this arms is they're operating without a permit, or they did for a long time.

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I mean, if that's true then, you know, what kind of what kind of a good player are they in this thing?

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The other thing is,

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like I said before the,

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you know,

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I observe the the C*** coming from general iron and it was,

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it was unbelievable and we don't need to sit down here on the other point that they're trying to sell this thing to us on.

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Is that it's they talk about a state of the art facility shredder and then we ask them about it and they say, no, you can't see the prince. You can't see the, you know, the drawing or the design or anything like that.

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So, I, I, you know, when, when you start doing stuff like that, then there's a question of trust. Those are my comments. Thanks. Okay. Thank you so much. Mr. can you appreciate that?

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Our next speaker is corrina and Rosa.

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And when you're ready to proceed, please. Go ahead. Hello? Hello can you hear me? We can. Thank you. Thank you. Good evening. My name is CORINA. That's P. E. D.

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A. A. I'm a resident of East side, and my family has lived in this community for more than fifty years.

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My parents and uncles cousins that parents in God's children along with hundreds of friends are proud to call the East side their home.

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And they also asked me to come today to testify, because several of them, we're not able to do.

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So, I am testifying today, because I strongly object to the issuance of a permit to general iron for their proposed facility, which would be less than a mile from my home and my parents home.

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I must first state that I am completely apart that the is even considering granting any permits during this time of pandemic. The fact is that this process it's severely flawed.

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And this public hearing was completely and accessible to community residence. It excludes poor people who do not have access.

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So this type of technology,

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it excluded Spanish speaking residents,

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many of whom did not even know the public hearing was occurring and not seen a flyer in their native language and it creates unnecessary obstacles for those residents that are hearing impaired.

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How ironic is it that those residence that will be the most impacted are also the ones most excluded from the public hearing the year is two thousand and twenty and I have to say that there is no excuse for

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not having a more robust,

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fair and accessible public hearing,

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especially when the proposal facility could have a major health impact and the lives of so many and I've been listening to both the afternoon and the evenings hearing public hearing.

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And I've heard them multiple things that have have been, used to explain that that people could have come on. And and there's somebody who would translate. But it is a very difficult process. That has been set up.

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It took me several times to be able to access and get on correctly. And I have several family members that would have loved to testify and unfortunately cannot because of these obstacles.

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The proposal facility is just a few blocks from my home is, as I've mentioned where my elderly parents, and my two children currently live.

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It is across the street from a local high school and elementary school and park thousands of people, elderly people in young children live in homes near that site.

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And I'm frightened that they're health and quality of life will be substantially impacted. My research into general iron shows.

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That they have violated both state and federal environmental regulations numerous time indicating that they care more about their profit and human life.

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It's unknown fact in the city of Chicago,

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but especially to the that our community has had to bear the burden of companies like Bell and while terminals wreaking havoc on our environment and public health we

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already are amongst the most polluted words in the city and the high rates of,

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as my cancer are indicative of the environmental racism our family have had to enter as a parent of two children and the caregiver of two elderly residents.

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I strongly urge you to deny general in the permit and prioritize the health and lives of this community. I asked you to please to explain to us.

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How the takes the fact that general iron has repeatedly violated the law for so many years into account when considering this permit. So that's one question that I have.

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Okay. Do you want us to stop and answer that one for you right now? Yes. Please. Okay. I can probably respond to that and I'll try to be short.

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I had mentioned something along the same lines in response to a question earlier this afternoon.

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Our permit review is pretty much confined to issues that relate to whether or not the emission unit or the equipment that a force is gonna be using, wants to constructed that.

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It has the, the design and the operational capabilities of achieving compliance with the rules and regulations.

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The flip side of that is that if if there are allegations,

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or there,

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or even even the agency or other government authority,

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or even ongoing investigations about allegations by that force,

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or someone affiliated with it.

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We can't take that into account.

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In our permitting review, there are limited exceptions.

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For instance,

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if there was an adjudicated matter,

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in other words,

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if if if I force that we're permitting for a construction permit at that facility,

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that existed at the time had,

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cause some kind of a problem had been sued for and had either entered into a consent order a consent decree or had an order by a court we could in that context,

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taken to account those violations.

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If you will because they would have been proven or acknowledged if you will. And and we could craft a permit with a conditions. That would reflect that.

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But for the most part, we, we cannot go beyond the purview that's required by a by law. Which which tells you or should tell folks.

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I guess the, the permitting program isn't the place for those types of consideration. The, the way the Environmental Protection Act was written. And certainly, the way has been interpreted over the years.

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and by years,

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I mean,

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for the last two or three decades,

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the emphasis is on compliance and enforcement programs to address those,

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those types of whether they're intractable issues that have happened,

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you know,

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for years and years and years or whether it is simply something that is
of significant nature that just came up last week.

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We, we have a hard time by way of our enabling authority to address those
issues in any kind of a permitting exercise. Again. The focus has to
be make that part of a compliance and enforcement program.

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If you will,

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or other governmental authorities,

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whether it's definitely in Chicago,

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whether it's or others,

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if you will on on the enforcement front,

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rather than on the permitting where,

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where we lack the ability to do a,

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certainly,

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as much about it as what you would otherwise you you had another
question,

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I believe.

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Yes. So, let me make sure that I get the response. Correct the, your
response correct? So you cannot take the fact that they have violated
better several state and federal regulations into account.

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During the permit process that is not in your jurisdiction. It would have
to be other agency.

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another,

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with another program if you will,

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it needs to be addressed by way of inspections by either the agency,

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by,

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by the city of Chicago by other governmental authorities to conduct
inspection,

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and then to address issues of non compliance through a Pre enforcement
process,

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or through an enforcement process and,

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and that entails suing someone in essence,

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I'm referring a matter to the attorney general's office for the local
state Attorney's office for prostitution.

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And it can also include citizens coming together either individually, or,
you know, collectively, bringing a lawsuit on their own that is
authorized my, the Environmental Protection act as well.

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So then we'd have to essentially wait until if they get the permit wait
til,

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they are not in compliance or our really well,

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and in the case of G,

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you would have to wait for them to be constructed at a,

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at the new facility and now that's not to say that you you should have been or or had to have waited for enforcement actions to occur or or what have you at the,

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at the existing facility.

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Okay, okay, thank you for clarifying that.

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The other question that I had was, if you all had an indication of, I've heard the testimony that people prior to me, I have given, but do you have an estimate of how many trucks we will see at that facility?

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Daily,

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and whether the admissions of those trucks are being considered in this,

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permit to answer your question.

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I'm not sure if we've had an indication of how many trucks that may have been addressed in there. What we call future operating programs.

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However, we do not consider the emissions from the engines from the tracks and our permitting decision. We only consider the emissions from stationary sources in our decision.

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This is Barbara.

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Thank you for your response,

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so in hearing the responses to both of these questions,

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and the testimony that has been given before me,

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I cannot I cannot stress enough how myself,

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my family members,

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and so many of the residents many hoof home of have already sign the petition saying they oppose this facility to be open.

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We all urge you to not grant this permit. We continuously have been dealing with the beer environmental problems and air pollution problems in this area.

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Granting this facility is essentially a death sentence on this community and furthermore,

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I urge that the implement an immediate moratorium and that give any permits out while this pandemic rages through our community.

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It is ludicrous to think that this public hearing could be fair and accessible at a time when families are just trying to figure out how to put food on their table or pay the rent.

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Thank you for taking the time to listen again.

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I strongly hope that you are count all these testimonies into account, and you prioritize the house of Illinois residence in particular the E side residence.

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And prioritize that help over profits. Thank you. Thank you so much. And Raza, the next speaker will be. E Elo.

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I'm sorry if I mispronounce the last name the first name blanks. The LA can s, followed by Christopher. O hare Brian Kevin all Damon Watson miles Vance.

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And Rachel Vance, I just wanted to give a let everybody know still possibly on the line that we haven't forgot about do we, we have a, we have you on the list to speak. So, is there a Eli? Who blank?

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Yes, I'm here. Can you hear me? Can you confirm it? You can hear me. Yes, we can hear you, sir. Thank you. Good. Outstanding. Okay. My name is Ella blank. B. L. A. N. K. F.

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I am attending this meeting because I saw it advertised on on our call though. Black club isn't online. It's an online publication I didn't know about it beforehand.

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I am also representing my community, an organization called or the management committee organization, where? Inside his house? Sure.

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So we're not exactly that, but we will be impacted by the, by the pollution by, by the pollutants.

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I have four points and several questions from from my community Thank you for the time and the ability to speak here number one, we don't want these looters in our community.

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Because our communities really don't have the economic ability to fight this company. Our committees have a history of high Asma.

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It's been written in papers at least ten years ago. I've been living here for I believe it all my life.

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And and I've heard about the community down there in the hundred, they have high, I have a lot of asthma, because of the pollutants that come off the garbage samples, but they are the for plant, the other steel mills over there. Then you'll put another on top of that, and destroy lives, Illinois.

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We deserve better for the tax money that we pay for our property tax sales tax and our income tax and don't forget the excess taxes that we pay.

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I mean, we pay it the highest text rates in this country, and we should get protection for the millions that we paper to live here.

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My second point is the charge is to protect the health welfare and quality of life, consistent with the social and economic needs of the state.

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You are in those,

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because you because you worked at the EPA,

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but insuring the plant operates operate clean production upgrades cleanly or that pays for all the communal tax liabilities

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that we contributor society.

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But have taken away because of the quiet light that's take away from us because of it damage to our quality of life in our community. If that makes sense, it makes it in my mind.

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It makes sense when you, when you can consider it, they have a track record. I used to live in Logan square after came back up here, Chicago.

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I left a little square for seven, maybe, seven, eight years.

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Maybe I used to bypass this,

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this this place I think it's Armitage welcome to the trader Joe's to get groceries in a ticket back home the truck that the truck traffic,

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the size of the other place intimate in the community.

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Lincoln where Lincoln park has economic ability and resource to push it out and that was over here where we may not have that power to push them so much.

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So as to I want us to get three and go to port and take a lot of time. My comment, or what I want you to what we're asking is, can we, this is my question.

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Can we place an independent third party, environmental auditor in charge of reporting environmental effects to our community directly to us? Not that we don't trust you.

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you know,

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the powerhouse that,

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that this is still male may have,

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could influence you,

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but third party,

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they may not be able to influence that report to us that the reports,

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whether good or bad can they directly report kind of third party be a pointed to to report to the community that that's my question before I go to my community members questions.

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Well,

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this is Rob lame and again,

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I'm one of the agency lawyers and if I understand your your question correctly,

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I don't think we could make that happen at the agency level or as part of the,

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the content of the of the permit.

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Something like that. Would likely take a legislative mandate, or some kind of a anathema to our enabling legislation again that that would be the Environmental Protection Act.

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Okay, so you so you're saying we have to go, we have to go the political route to get to get to get third party recording agency to tell us good for the bed that comes from the, from, from this from this up on this quarter.

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Yeah, I, I, I believe that would be our I believe that would be our respond. Okay, fair enough. Thank you. I'm sorry, this is this is bread for us. I just add onto that.

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I mean,

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to your direct question,

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Rob's answer is is correct and appropriate the,

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you know,

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the their,

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our record keeping and reporting requirements in any permits.

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And those are, he, they have to certify that those are true and accurate.
And, and the documents that they have to submit to the agency are
available to the public.

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Dial that's not directly on point the question you're answering, but
there are documents available to you that are the companies compliance
records.

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So so so following up on my Thank you for your answer. I appreciate it
following up on my, on my question. How do we know that you can't be
influenced by this economic power house?

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Yeah, I guess I, I would say this is Rob again. I would say that you may
not.

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And that's why we have a permitting program that that attempts to provide
a structure by which facilities have to operate consistent with the
rules and

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regulations that govern them.

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And then on top of that,

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we add the various reporting record,

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keeping the monitoring,

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and the likes of documentation that come into our possession by way of
our field staff,

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or by way of reporting that they have to give to us,

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at least that way.

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That type of information that typically would assure compliance at a, a
particular permitted source that type of information is readily
available to the public through the, the freedom of Information Act.

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Okay, I understand. And thank you for your for your input. I don't mean
to insult the Illinois Department of health of environmental
protection, but I had to ask the question for public for public
record.

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So from my coming from my community, I have two questions. The first one
is, I guess my question would be why is this plant?

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Not acceptable in Lincoln Park, but it is down here. This is Brad for us
date again.

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He's been not sure if this came up as a answer previously or not but, you
know, zoning and local land use decisions are not the purview of the
States.

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That that authority is invested in the look in in the local decision
makers.

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And, you know, that's that's where that authority arrests on determining
the location and appropriateness of any zodiac land use decision.

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Okay, so so so so so the person who asked that questions listening to us
right now, so you best you just said it's the city's purview to decide
what what area zone for perfect perfect for this factory.

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But, second, I don't wanna speak for you, but I'm interpreting what you just said. Is that right? Yeah the city makes zoning decisions. Okay. Right. I wasn't clear that you guys want me said I don't want the words email.

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The second question is,

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how do you,

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how does the way our comment,

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for example,

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one hundred percent of our comments if one hundred percent comments are fully opposed to this permit will the EPA not grant the permit to the business if the permit is given then how do we deal with the I deal with the

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consequences of it as Lincoln Park?

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Did I get those two questions? So so oh, go ahead. I was just also try break it down the number one. If everybody on the on these two calls is saying, no, we don't want it.

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How, how does the way that against whatever, other, whatever other considerations that has been given the permit. Okay. So this is Brad again.

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And so I, I think is just alluded to in his opening statement, or maybe it came right out and said in his opening statement.

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It it just comments,

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so we,

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we we have to base our decisions based on the law in the regulation and comments that are strictly of I,

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I support the project or I oppose the project there.

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There's no way for us to account for those in our current review,

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it's per,

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it's comments based on whether or not a facility does or does not meet the environmental regulations and then suggestions on enhancements,

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which we may be able to consider those and regularly do try to take them into account when it comes to our permit decisions.

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Okay. Okay. So so the, the, the answer, the second question that they that he raised, I don't we deal with the consequences of the permit. That's a political move.

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When we get the reports from you guys, we show it to our all them and we show it to our, our state representative and they do the political or whatever.

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The, the maneuvers are to well, find them and push them out. We should, which can be a long drawn out process. So, with that, I want to speak for.

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A large part of the South Southeast Chicago with a large part of my region of the Southeast Chicago,

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Grand cross and South Shore chat them with,

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on such we will I was told directly we do not want this in our community because of its health effect.

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Is history and it's insult to to to our community, assuming that we don't have the ability to fight back yeah, that's that's my kind of thinking here in about.

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Okay, thank you. Mr. blanks. I appreciate your your comments and concerns and our next speaker is Christopher. O. hare.

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Followed by Brian. Kevin and Damon. Watson. So Christopher please proceed. Yeah, I mean, I can you hear me? Yes, we can. Thank you.

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I think Jeff for plugging me into this because I have some issues on the first time. You had your call earlier in the day, and I always want to appreciate due diligence where it's appropriate.

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Yeah,

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I was gonna say that I have a kind of a more even mind on this,

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but I do like to see precautions put into place I can speak earlier to what some people set about the city being involved with why I just gotta move from Lincoln Park I've seen story coverage on this.

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Sure. It was a, but a lot of the reasons why it had to get moved this because, and the automatic privilege that Brad Hopkins put into play for Lincoln yards, which piggybacked off to funds.

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And now it's like a, is a very fluent community. And maybe they were allowed to resolve a whole area of the city, just because it happens to be close to the river, which is Chicago's version of ocean from property. So I've, it's.

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Since that this can continue in Chicago, if people know pressure argument, and especially now is taking a little bit of a step on this. But I, I do believe that it will continue.

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And it will one person on the phone mentioned that you live in Logan Square. It not only creates gentrification and beautification, but it also creates great displacement in our city. I didn't wanna mention.

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The fact that, in here, I asked some questions I've seen some things in here that actually look like legitimate concerns, but I haven't heard them talked about on the phone.

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Maybe briefly alluded to when it comes to something called floss, which is actually more like fugitive dust. I'm curious to how at the plant site that's located.

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Well, will these be asset roads or will these be dirt roads that may stir up even more pollution mixed in with trucks maybe bringing in and out. So that's a direct question.

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Okay, thank you for that question.

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Or to have Bob with the permit section, my understanding from what was submitted as part of the, the future of operating arena. Yeah.

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And is that and discussions with with three that they have a portion of rows on their property that that are paid and that

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there are also roads that they use,

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which they do not own that are unpaid but they're,

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they're gravel roads.

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Yeah, they tried to my understanding is try to fill some of the potholes with various materials, which is as follows rock.

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And those are not their roads, it's not their obligation to maintain those rows.

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But the ones that are within their property,

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my understanding is that under the future of test plan that we require in the permit they have to do various things,

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such as sweep on periodically.

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And they also were some of the onsite unpaid roads, they have to either wet them with water or or chemical dust.

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And then the other thing is, I, I, it may stay in the future to plan again. I'm not completely familiar with that, and we may have to answer some of us in the response of the operating.

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But the future plan should also spell out other restrictions, like, limits on on the speed of the tracks going across the property. Yeah.

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And also the permit, by the way does limit the hours that they may have the trucks run in and out of the property.

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02:31:41.639 --> 02:31:53.424

So that's that's another consideration restriction we put on stores and perfect. Okay. Thank you. By the way for the record. My name is Christopher.

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O Hara and that's all apostrophe on the net large member. But I do sometimes do some ad hoc work for the program called Chicago documentaries, which is above a city bureau.

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So I do know that some environmental cases make it all the way to the Illinois pollution control board because I've covered some of those meetings as well.

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I do think that you guys need to offer another way to do this virtually with maybe a little bit more intention on how to make it public just because I had to find out about this through only through W.

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W and block club. I know it's on the site now, you can always say it's open for availability, but I think given the time that we're at now, I think extra promotion of meetings is duly needed.

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So it's not just a critique of the.

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I don't know.

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So,

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and I do think so with the fact,

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that earlier mentioned some people were mentioning how legislative things
would have to change until our state assembly is meeting,

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even virtually beyond just work groups.

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I think that maybe you don't slow down the entire process.

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But you do make it more intentional and more chance for public
interaction, because I think you don't want to go into a neighborhood
with a built in ad. The serial.

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Relationship because I know we can park wasn't always that way, but when
they changed the neighborhood quite a bit, they are sometimes using
their own environmental standards and sometimes pushing stories out
there.

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Like, one I was on Facebook was definitely but showing when the plan was
on fire in, in trying to make people believe that was their typical
output. So I wouldn't quite call it fake news, but it's definitely
misleading.

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So,

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I do think that's important and I'm also wondering since I thought I heard someone from the mentioned something about how the permit

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process works.

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There are some equipment that are supposed to be Levy from Lincoln Park. I'm curious to know how the permit process works. With existing equipment, you particularly discover that may or may, I don't know the age of or the maintenance up.

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This the Fibernet side again,

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with the permit section to remove a piece of equipment from a property,

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we would not require a permit,

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but to relocate that same piece of equipment to a,

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a new piece of property does require a program.

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So,

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in case of the we know for a fact that the is one of the pieces being relocated from the north to the South,

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I'm not sure and we may have to address this in the response of the summary as well,

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whether this bever's part of the piece.

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I I was getting it. It is Yeah Yeah. Discovery is one of the pieces of equipment that has been going from from the north side to the southeast side. And that is good news.

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I'm also wondering. Would you? I heard earlier.

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That information from testing is available,

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but hasn't been standards of how frequent those testing results would be available into what venues what would it be like a nice quarterly or is it more like upon request or annually?

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A backburner tied again from the permit section the construction permit will require a one time task and that has to take place we have to draft permit

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within sixty days after the date,

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a raw materials first processed in the shredder.

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We do have provisions in in our rules that our agency can request another test at at any other time.

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And in addition us, EPA can also request afraid to perform testing. Thank you for your answer. I think my last question is gonna be.

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I'm just wondering how.

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Let me see, I'll put this other chemicals. You guys deal with that Pre date the EPA similar to the pot cover up that happened. Then I believe the movie dark waters was based on. Are there chemicals you don't have to report that?

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You're dealing with? His father was from a section.

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I'm not aware of any chemicals that would be a consider hazard air pollutants. That are not required to be recorded.

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So, hazards, air, pollutants and section one, twelve B of the Clean Air Act.

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And there's about a hundred and eighty six of now.

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So so, so I just have clear clarification on what I think you said to your knowledge there is no grandfathered chemicals. They ones that would exist that wouldn't be against standards that you're aware of.

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02:37:52.709 --> 02:38:03.715

No, alright, thank you. And I, I do want to thank everyone involved with this process again. No, I do strongly urge that again. The.

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Buy in of your look of your location that you're moving to. That's potentially you do engage in public in different ways. And I do realize that.

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You, I think our area does need to have some industry because right now with a pandemic. It certainly shows how often when you're service based economy that something needs to be manufactured.

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I agree that it needs to be done in a safe way, but if we continue to bring all of the manufacturing to countries, that don't really measure anything with a certain standard. I don't think we're.

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It's almost like,

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you're just shipping a way to problem,

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rather than actually trying to work with the companies at hand and I don't think that's a that's a very short answer and anything that happens in the world will eventually reach back to you.

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I do have one request well,

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this call be available per transcript,

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not only to the people on here,

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but potentially on a website that people in some notification that people
can find it in a public venue.

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So this is Brad again,

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the,

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the recording of this hearing will be posted to the agencies website in
the same location that the other documents are,

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where we are found.

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Thank you. And I know a lot of people mentioned demographics from the
southeast side. I live in Uptown, but I know people live in South
Shore.

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So I, I do say, yes, you do have to pay attention to what environment
does and it does affect you dramatically, which why I'm asking the
questions. I'm asking, but keep in mind.

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There's a lot of empty lots around there, a lot of people out of work. So
I would hope that I know that you guys are relocating and you probably
have existing jobs. But I would hope people in that community would
have a chance to work there as well.

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And thank you for your time, and I appreciate it Thank you. Mr. ohare I
appreciate your comments.

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Our next speaker will be Brian followed by David Watson miles Vance and
Rachel Vance. So Brian please proceed. Hey, guys can, How's my audio?
Can you hear me? Yeah, sound good.

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Thanks. Great. Yeah. Good. Good. I'd like to thank the members of the
committee and the members of the community for their time on the call

this this evening. I think all the comments have been great. Very well thought and put together.

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You know, I'd sort of like to start on the north side resident for the past few years. Can we sorry to interrupt? Can we have you spell spell your last name? Please for the absolutely. Yeah.

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So, I have no affiliation with any environmental or advocacy group on the other side. Either. My last name is Kevin. Rca V. A, and a.

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Thanks yeah, absolutely. And yeah, so I like, I mentioned them in North Side resident. I recently moved here two years ago from New York.

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I just like to say, you know, I'm not necessarily I'm not a scientist by any stretch and most certainly agree with the comments made by Mr. stark at the beginning of the call and also the comments made by MS. Salazar, which I think we're very, very on points.

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I go for walks routinely in the area with my six year old daughter, and with my eighteen month old outside here in the, you know, to that extent I definitely disagree with the comments made by Mr.

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ohare just previously about the extent of the pollution in Lincoln Park. I think it's severe the contaminants in the air palpable when we go outside. It's just it's overwhelming.

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I mean, the smell so I think this is an antiquated business. I don't think it's welcome on the North or South side. I don't think it has any place within city limits.

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I think businesses like these in support of businesses like these is hurting communities of all types, informally objects to the permit.

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And with that, I just a few questions if I could, you know, I'd like to ask about the pollution mitigates at the new facility versus the old. What's being done at the new facility compared with? What's being done in Lincoln Park?

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Presently that would give the residents of the South Side sort of, peace of mind in that respect.

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Thank you for your question, and I think we're gonna have Bob answer that one. Yeah Yeah.

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As I mentioned in my opening Barber and say with the permit section, as I mentioned in my opening statement, the metal shredder will.

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Their control system will just of a.

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Mission capture thought with Robert drapes and now be located inside of metal thread shed.

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They will also have a site clone a roll media filter, a thermal oxidize or an impact that's proper.

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Many of the equipment is similar to what it is already existing at at the general to site on the north side. I believe that the capture system.

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It's a slightly better than than what's currently is in place that at the general to side.

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And the shredder is is gonna be a brand new shredder versus the shredder at the at the key. Okay. So it sounds like functionally equip equivalent equipment at the new site, compared with the old as far as pollution. But against is that correct?

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The capture system is, is that upgraded? Okay. And then this is being a big the facility is being constructed on the elements. Is that is that right?

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It's being a, the property of the river. Okay. Okay. And that is that area has a history of industrial solutions that is that a correct statement?

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This is, this is Brad. I, it's historically a plan manufacturing district in the city. Okay. Yeah.

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No,

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I appreciate those comments and,

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you know,

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we'd like to explore that further and appreciate the research that,

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you know,

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the former speakers put into the call and your time,

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you know,

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people from the and putting this together and being on the call this evening.

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So, thank you very much, just like a file, my formal objection, and hope everyone has a great evening. Thank you. Thank you. Mr Kevin I appreciate that. Our next speaker will be David Watson followed by miles Vance and then Rachel danced.

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Damon.

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Please proceed? Yes. Can you hear me can thank you sir. Great. Great. One thing I always like to do is to be sure that I'm a fairly unique person.

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But tonight,

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I don't think I get to be that guy,

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you know,

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like,

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everybody else is saying I'm,

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I'm representing in and as I speak to you and very much so certain that we do not support this at all.

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I'm basically just presenting the questions on behalf of the, and and as, you know, a report from my committee has already gone out.

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And I think that some of you have seen it now, I'm putting the bottom line upfront for you.

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This application is directly, contradicts the prevailing policy above Chicago and Illinois.

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Our federal and state agencies refer to the pandemic as the state of war and the idea of granting this permit effectively encourages.

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I encourage as a general client to ally with other pollutants to provide aid and comfort to the end that being dependent.

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Corona virus Z is a respiratory illness, you know, this the symptoms include a cough, you're sore chills muscle pains.

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This is the west of Chicago,

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they have these clusters,

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a,

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of plant,

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numerous large facilities with within about six hundred feet,

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sensitive areas,

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such as parts,

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hospitals,

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clinics,

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charts and that kind of thing.

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And and that's where where where this new company he's planning on going.

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According to my,

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to my research,

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there's at least eighteen companies like this one and the Southwest side,

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and about fifteen in Southeast now,

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going back to the growing virus.

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You know, that it attacks Pre, existing medical conditions, particularly
cancer as that kind of thing.

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And we know that South the South sort of neighborhood where this where
the new company is planning on going,

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it actually leads and Chicago's top five neighborhoods that were struck
by death for clone advice.

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02:48:30.264 --> 02:48:41.424

So point here, is that the point is that that.

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We have it, we obviously see a link between this environmental injustice
and promote a virus use death.

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Because this kind of pollution that this company brings about, and
apparently people have seen that in their history. They've done this
before and looking at the cluster of similar companies in Chicago.

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They've been doing it and it's been doing it for a while.

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They've created these conditions that cause the cause these Pre existing
medical conditions,

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the intern gets to be exploited by cologne virus and leads to these
disproportionate depth that we see right now.

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But he's seen that the has brought an action. Remember, I was talking
about the, the cluster of these of these, these type companies.

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The has brought an action against one of and they were,

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they were using the a hammer mill shredder and apparently,

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according to the report that hammer mills shredder is a significant
source of the fugitive,

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particularly emission specifically.

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There were several back to back violations.

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Which in which the fugitive particulate matter was emitted from that
Hamer Hamer,

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most shredder,

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which in turn the admissions that they then crossed over into,

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02:50:20.395 --> 02:50:23.034

into public areas of off of his own property.

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02:50:25.225 --> 02:50:40.135

And we also know that Chicago has had to deal with fires. That were
caused by auto shreds. So now you have general iron come comes along
and they're seeking permission to engage in the same type of business.

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With the same cluster,

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using the same equipment,

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and the Hamels,

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which caused the pollution,

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the hammer mills that they plan to use as well the auto traders that
brought files have an auto shred.

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And all of this is within six miles of the senior living resident,
they're already has suffered eleven deaths due to pandemic.

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02:51:10.045 --> 02:51:19.284

Again they are in the business, they create the, the conditions, the
environmental conditions.

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That keeps people vulnerable to Cron virus. Thank you. But with this application, I'm assuming.

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That they think, or are there, we are supposed to believe they're while they're coming in asking to do the same thing with, with the same group of people with the same equipment, they will be a different or better result.

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We also,

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yeah,

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we we have,

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we've had,

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we were,

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at several cases around the country that have reported problems similar all over the all over the all over the country,

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the same types of problems every time dealing with these types of companies.

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I've seen reports of admissions,

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read,

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smoke,

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smoke,

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02:52:16.104 --> 02:52:17.125

explosion,

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fires,

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in terms of health children,

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developing breathing troubles,

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02:52:23.784 --> 02:52:27.834

asthma and sometimes you have even cancer.

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02:52:29.905 --> 02:52:36.864

So the end of recognizes a clear link connecting environmental pollution.

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02:52:37.555 --> 02:52:37.975

So,

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these Pre existing conditions,

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then to the,

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02:52:41.934 --> 02:52:46.614

the less resistance to clone advice and then,

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ultimately,

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death,

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environmental pollution,

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02:52:50.514 --> 02:52:55.104

diminished public health in Corona virus fatalities are all connected.

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But now, that being said, I now have a question, there's an unresolved question here.

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Why is it that these companies are coming to the Southeast and Southwest again eighteen in one area,

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02:53:16.315 --> 02:53:21.114

and this team and another you would have thought that the industry is saturate.

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02:53:21.534 --> 02:53:25.315

There's only so much script in one area that needs to be cut.

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I would like to know why these companies are going to these areas.

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Because it's exploiting the people effects that is the people that push them and in those health conditions, which is actually the whole point of all this social isolation.

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So, while everybody's trying to do this social isolation thing, here, it comes this company which gas is, they get into your home where you're trying to socially isolate.

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I guess you said, you actually have less chance of getting sick, just dealing with regular people, but that's the thing we're trying to avoid.

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So is is very similar to watching a fish, you know, to take a fish and throw it in the water to save his life. But then to poison the water and dashboards, like, dealing with this C*** no company, they poison the one.

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But, again, why are they coming to this particular area? I'd like to know if there is some kind of tax break if there's a, some kind of incentive of some sort I don't know.

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And I'm not trying to suggest anything the various, it's just, you know, a real actual business question why are they attracted to those particular areas?

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02:54:47.665 --> 02:54:56.454

And that's all I have to say this is Brad. It was a do you want me to respond to that? Please please?

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02:54:56.604 --> 02:54:56.844

Yeah,

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so I,

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I,

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I mean,

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I really the only response I have to that is what,

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basically what I said before about the zoning,

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we,

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as an agency at the state level,

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02:55:08.250 --> 02:55:15.145

don't determine where facilities are going to go nor do we get into,

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02:55:15.354 --> 02:55:15.655

you know,

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at we don't get into financing of facilities or or anything of that,

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02:55:21.864 --> 02:55:28.825

or we have no role in the determination of where facilities are located.

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02:55:31.735 --> 02:55:40.165

I wasn't suggesting that you did I I apologize if I gave that impression
I was merely asking literally a question,

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I think suggested,

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because it just seemed suspicious to me that so many of these same types of companies engaging the exact same business would go to the exact same area where you would think there would

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be so much competition that,

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you know,

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that they,

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they could not do that.

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And there just has to be to me some kind of reason, and it's not just Chicago. This is this is nationwide.

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I'm not saying it, but just focusing on this issues right here in Chicago I just want to know what may this company decide to take that area?

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02:56:19.944 --> 02:56:24.954

Why why that one not anywhere else now and that's as well like.

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02:56:26.040 --> 02:56:38.725

So I, I guess, yeah, I guess just to clarify my statement is, since we don't deal with that we just don't have that information for you. So, I mean, you were asking us and I don't I don't have that.

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02:56:38.784 --> 02:56:49.704

I, that's the information that we ever received. Okay, and just just to make sure that I was clear. Where are you where are you following the points?

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I was just trying to make no, in terms of linking corona virus, the policies that we're trying to keep it to affect how this is undermining the state and local policies. I just want to make sure that I'm clear as I speak to.

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Yeah, so we understand Thank you so much. Okay. We appreciate all your
your comments. Mr. Watson. Okay. Come up. I'm sorry do you have any
other additional comments? Sir? No, I was just saying, thank you.

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02:57:19.590 --> 02:57:21.895

Okay. I didn't I didn't hear what you said. Thank you.

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So much our next speaker is miles Vance and Rachel Lance,

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but before we finish up with those two,

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I want to double check to see if there's a several Unidentified speakers
that are possibly still with us that were registered to speak.

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So, if I call your name, we please say I'm on the line. Give me one
second.

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Okay, Amy gender argue with that. Amy janitor.

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Okay, Cynthia stricklin Cynthia.

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And Andrew Dell guidance Andrew no guy this are you on the line?

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How do you feel about it? I'm not sure if you're saying my end.

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Oh, I'm sorry. Is it D. L. G. I. U. D.

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No, no, no. Okay.

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And lastly, is there a Caroline March available?

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Carolyn, okay, it doesn't appear that they're with us anymore they were
registered to speak, so we're gonna move on to our last two speakers
miles Vance and Rachel Vance.

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I mean, here miles are you there? Actually hold on one second. Please.

Hi, this is, this is my advice the a.

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N. E. yeah. Alright.

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So, from what I hear is that the permit process is completely up to them, just submitting some information and you guys approving it as they say they're gonna meet the standard. So, I was getting ready all day to be some sort of emotional play to you.

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If you Republicans, he would probably approve the permit. Anyways. If you're Democrat if you're an establishment Democrat, you would probably toe the line and see what the party officials think.

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So, Lori thinks that you should approve this, it will get approved and if you're progressive, then you probably care about people and you don't care about the money are the three hundred jobs you care about the thousands of people in the.

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Neighborhood, and then that are then the many other people that live in the neighborhood that don't come out to let, you know, that they live in the neighborhood.

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So eighty percent of the neighborhood is Hispanic, and we all know, I don't have to ask, why are they moving to the neighborhood? Because they're getting tax breaks. They want it to be manufacturing. You get it, they come here because it's easy to pollute here and get away with it.

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Because every, once in a while, Republican will be an office of Governor, and he'll just approve the wiping away of all power. You guys probably been through administration after administration.

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That's your career people I don't know any of you, but that's that's politics and that's reality. Your Democrats when we work. So I get that. And from what I hear, you're saying, well, it's gonna either approve or not approve based off of the application.

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Yes. We're not going to pollute. Okay you're approved in sixty days.

We're gonna test remember sixty days week. We're gonna test so probably lower their production that day.

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I wanna request on the public record that you guys test them every week. I want. I'm probably going to.

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I'm going to personally gonna have to go advocate my alderman, my mayor, my legislators, my governor to say, hey, why is the only one testing? Can we get some laws that get things tested? Can we get more monitoring stations in the law? I get that.

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You guys are telling us to go become more progressive activists.

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In the streets, but it's a pandemic so I'm just gonna make a couple more comments. I don't have to play with you or tell you anything, but I'm gonna make a couple more comments.

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Then I'm gonna ask a series of questions and you can feel free to write them down transcribe them reply to them written. Cause.

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I heard everything you said about, you know, if it's based off of the permit qualifying them or not, I just will have some issues with the other laws in place.

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So,

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you know,

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severe,

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acute respiratory syndrome that SARS and that's what we have right now with Colvin acute needs to be on top of so we have pollution that's killing our people with asthma,

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cancer,

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liver damage,

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brain damage all kinds of oxygen level damages we can cause sleep apnea,

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weight gain disease malnutrition and that ultimately talking about death here.

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03:02:36.565 --> 03:02:50.514

So you could be talking to a dead, man. If you'll be talking to all these people that die in ten years cancer, the children have learning disabilities. You're gonna be paying for that. You know, it's just an approval process.

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03:02:50.514 --> 03:03:03.565

I'm just putting it on record. That's what it is, is that you're willing the, the state I'm putting our record is willing to kill people s, general ire, submits the qualifications for a permit.

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We can figure it out at sixty days if they don't violate the law that one day or every week if you're actually care about people and have a monitoring every week. I don't know if that's a legislative issue. I don't know if that's just an executive decision. That can be made by your boss.

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Oh, we're gonna have testing every week. We're gonna put up ten, new monitoring stations. Miles is right we need to put more into the street. These people are important, but yes. What's important science.

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Finding of data one time that's the same. You should be ashamed yourself if you think that's okay. And you can improve that.

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You could be talking to dead people that's kinda sick and morbid. So we're talking about more mobility. Right? And if it's a statistic, it's just, you know, X, Y, Z guy but if you're talking to me and I could die, that's kinda sad.

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You'll be talking to somebody like me that can be dead. So.

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I just think is is there any traffic loss that from I,

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that that would be basically a conflict of interest that would limit the amount of trucks on the street at a given point Avenue one and six are one hundred and sixty and Avenue O.

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is one lane, so you'd have a X amount of trucks coming through on one way they said they're gonna fix up early. We'll see.

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They said they're gonna fix up a bunch of other streets and have one hundred and thirty hundred and thirty be more accessible.

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We'll see, but ten people wanted to stand on the corner of one hundred and six, and all they were completely shut down completely set down the operation in an hour.

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You would see traffic backed up for two hours, and it wouldn't clear for three hours because the way it all bottlenecks at one hundred and sixteen every well, which is, by the way is a residential neighborhood.

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So you're gonna talk about digital trucks were talking about vans. You're gonna be talking about independent companies coming by driving by do what they gotta do to get to the facility.

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So, are there any laws that this permit would come in conflict with, with, for traffic?

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Would there be any laws that come into conflict with students at the high school, in terms of child protective care services?

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Children's welfare is it allowed preclude on children? There's a form and conscious neglect. It's a form of abuse. Are there any logs that are conflicting with?

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That has there been any environmental impacts studies that go with the U. S.

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Army Corps of engineers program that they're gonna clean the river and so we know that general iron is going to be put in particularly into the air and their facility.

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But is there any mechanism for which they safely put the material onto the barges? Most of that degree is going to make it to the bars?

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But some of it is going to go into the river,

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03:06:00.834 --> 03:06:15.114

because we are doing a judging project right now to get rid of material and the US Army Corps of engineers and POSTPONES there moving forward with the permit because of environments,

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or worries that the solution is looking into the dirt into the soil into the neighborhoods and I just wanted to know if there would be any conflict,

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the interest of moving forward with a new project while they're trying to figure out the environmental impacts of a current project that's on the federal level.

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What I wanna be in contempt of federal law or federal decision that's postponed.

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Probably even more, so because of the pandemic, but I get that you guys are working. I'm gonna be interested to see if you're actually in an office social distancing or if you guys are at home, working from home, like many other privileged people.

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But so I just need to also say, how could you, somebody claim that this is a public forum?

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I am paying an Internet service provider, a private company to be on the Internet right now to talk to you. So, it is not just public is a private entity, allowing me the privilege to use their service in return for money.

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That is not public. I know I could use the phone then I can go ahead and probably pay the regular landline money to be on. I can go ahead and write a letter. I'll be paying the post office. That's traditional.

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I get that will be probably an accepted form after being with the post office for a couple of hundred years. But what I don't get is that you're saying that you were gonna move to the digital format anyways.

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So you're basically putting a call tax on anyone who wants to call in because they got to pay their service provider monthly. And I think for you to say it's free and it's open to the public. That's not true.

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And you didn't use the pandemic as an excuse.

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For why we're doing this you said, we're gonna do it anyways, because it's just kinda inferring that, you know, twenty first century media savvy. We're gonna move digital anyways. So when you're thinking about doing this in the future, I would want you to stress that.

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It's because of the pandemic link link, because you can get away with same. It are now. But to say, you're gonna move digitally and public forums without even asking the citizens of Illinois, or the governor, or the legislator.

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If you can do that, I think is just very brave and it's a paragraph. And it's an excuse for you that holding public forums. If we vote, we can stand and like to do a public forum. It's not smart.

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I advocated against voting in public, so I'm not I'm not just saying this lightly, but there are options that if people are willing to take, you're standing in a group of people. You're probably not gonna say the same things as you.

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If you're from the comfortable group. And in your house, there's a bunch of people looking at you. You might say something different. I don't know.

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But the last thing I want to point out is that it is not, I don't speak Spanish, but I'm I was really offended that.

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You guys would make the public notice in English expect people to know that notice exist without being in Spanish and then saying,

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hey,

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if you read the English notice,

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you could ask for help to read.

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This event tonight in Spanish well, who is helping the people read the notice.

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It's not fair eight percent of the people. His neighborhood are Hispanic.

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So that means a lot of people speak Spanish and I'm happy for it, but seems to pretend that that you put a notice out in English.

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And then all of a sudden everybody who speaks Spanish, just read that then ask them to ask me for help even further. That's just appalling. It's it's borderline racist. It's bureaucratic for sure. It should be the same.

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I'm gonna end my comments. I hopefully that you can answer all of the questions that I asked about the conflict of interest in logs with students minors words of the state to have to be taken care of, by the state.

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Does the EPA have the right to override the rights of what custody of children in custody does the, because they they attend public school there they're in our neighborhoods, and we have to take care of them.

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Does the E. P. A. have to here to? I that standards or can they just make a permit and say, well, you based off of what you said is good enough, we don't have to worry about that.

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03:10:51.030 --> 03:11:01.405

We don't have to worry about child protective services. We don't have to worry about the river and the US core of engineers all these things are putting on help, but we don't have to worry about it.

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We have to just move forward from a deadline, or they get it by default. Okay.

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03:11:08.129 --> 03:11:16.465

So, I just need you guys to respond to all of that, and it's a lot. So you could probably do it in writing and that's acceptable for me. Thank you. Okay, thank you. Mr.

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03:11:16.465 --> 03:11:26.065

Vance, I appreciate those comments that will certainly provider response as part of our responsiveness summary as I mentioned in my opening remarks, which will be available on our website.

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03:11:27.325 --> 03:11:42.264

Posted where the public notice was that our next speaker is Rachel Vance. And if you just give me one second Rachel please proceed. Hey, Rachel Vance. Can you hear me?

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03:11:43.194 --> 03:11:57.534

I can excellent. Vance. V. A. N. C. E. I am a resident of the East side. My husband and I moved here six years ago. October twenty fourteen we purchased our dream home.

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03:11:57.625 --> 03:12:12.204

This neighborhood is absolutely amazing. There's access to hundreds of miles of bike trail. We're really close to the lake Michigan. We can walk there. Kelly met river is beautiful.

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03:12:13.405 --> 03:12:24.055

So many parks beautiful neighbors we're like, across the street from the school, there's actually several elementary schools here, and a very nice high school that my niece attends.

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03:12:24.594 --> 03:12:27.684

She lives with us too long with my five year old,

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03:12:28.254 --> 03:12:29.965

and my eighteen month old son,

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03:12:31.614 --> 03:12:34.495

a couple of years ago,

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03:12:35.395 --> 03:12:38.995

I had an opportunity to work with the EPA,

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03:12:39.174 --> 03:12:44.875

and they asked if they could test my property for and manganese.

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03:12:45.055 --> 03:12:47.305

There was an issue with a company.

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03:12:47.639 --> 03:13:02.334

Down the street, for me, a stage bell sage bone. Probably also got a permit issue to them from the EPA with regulations, but they blanketed our neighborhood with manganese for years.

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03:13:02.905 --> 03:13:13.284

And so I let them I was really excited to work with the, and I got my letter in October twenty, eighteen, which was four years after we purchased our dream home.

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03:13:13.709 --> 03:13:23.125

And it says that I have twelve times the amount of it in my yard. Then that is.

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03:13:25.975 --> 03:13:39.745

Removal management level, removal management level is four hundred milligrams per kilogram. My yard has four thousand, eight hundred milligrams per kilogram. Now it wasn't magazine.

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03:13:40.049 --> 03:13:53.034

So, the EPA couldn't clean it and they said that they would love to help, but they don't know which one of the dustin's of companies around here was responsible for destroying my land just during my dream home.

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03:13:53.784 --> 03:13:55.825

And so they weren't able to help either.

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03:13:56.395 --> 03:14:11.364

And I'm I'm afraid that if you let one more one more of these companies who have repeatedly to stop their neighbors to come into my neighborhood and continue to destroy

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03:14:11.364 --> 03:14:20.754

my property to threaten the life of my son and my to all the children and all the residents here,

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03:14:20.934 --> 03:14:21.204

I mean,

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03:14:21.204 --> 03:14:23.485
it's just not about jobs.

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03:14:24.114 --> 03:14:30.174
There are plenty and they could move somewhere. That isn't residential.

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03:14:30.295 --> 03:14:30.745
I mean,

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03:14:30.805 --> 03:14:36.625
I don't mind that they want to produce jobs and and do a service,

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03:14:37.045 --> 03:14:47.635
but this is a neighborhood and it really is literally across the street
from the school that my niece attend who has as much and my yard is
destroyed from countless years of this,

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03:14:47.694 --> 03:14:49.825
and I thought that we were improving,

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03:14:49.825 --> 03:14:52.735
but we just really can't afford to go back.

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03:14:53.245 --> 03:14:59.485
So I would like to formally state that I'm against this comment,

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03:15:00.024 --> 03:15:12.084
but I would like stricter regulations imposed that would severely limit
the amount of pollution that they're allowed to get away with,

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03:15:13.045 --> 03:15:15.954
to increased dramatically.

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03:15:15.985 --> 03:15:28.344
The amount of testing that we are doing independent testing. I don't want
just to this company to be responsible for recording their data. I
need someone outside of that company.

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03:15:28.795 --> 03:15:41.065
That can report to the public immediately in a style. That is almost like
a red alert. Hi. Yes. There's gonna be a problem. Please shut your
Windows, because that's the kind of neighborhood it is.

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03:15:41.395 --> 03:15:53.065
Sometimes we have down the streets over on torn, seven hundred and six
and some nights my house smells like there's a gas leak and I can't
have a nice breezy window open.

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03:15:53.575 --> 03:16:08.215

There's some nice when Cargill is refining something in it to feel their breath away, it's hard enough to breathe in this neighborhood without another and we just really appreciate you putting way more stricter regulations on them.

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And that's all. I have to say, thank you.

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03:16:11.485 --> 03:16:21.475

Okay, thank you so much appreciate that. And our next speaker will be Caroline March hold the line one second.

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03:16:21.475 --> 03:16:29.754

Please Caroline feel free to proceed miss smart. Are you there?

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03:16:38.610 --> 03:16:52.944

Perhaps you may have self muted yourself this March. We can't hear you please check your device. Ms.

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03:16:52.944 --> 03:16:53.844

marsh are you there?

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03:16:58.920 --> 03:16:59.875

Hello MS. marsh.

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03:17:04.409 --> 03:17:16.524

It appears that you might be muting yourself. We'll go ahead and circle back to. We're gonna try one final time to identify three.

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03:17:17.905 --> 03:17:21.235

Registered speakers to see if they're on the line.

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03:17:28.614 --> 03:17:31.405

And Amy are you on the line Amy janitor?

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03:17:37.200 --> 03:17:46.495

Cynthia Strickland or Andrew Dell guidance.

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03:17:47.790 --> 03:17:52.020

Let's spell Andrew.

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03:17:55.079 --> 03:18:05.334

Okay, we'll try Carolyn marshal one last time. Caroline. Are you available Caroline?

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03:18:10.584 --> 03:18:12.715

Okay, let's go ahead. And.

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03:18:15.504 --> 03:18:24.354

We're gonna go ahead and conclude our public comment session. I just wanna say, I'm glad we're able to get some of our speakers that were registered to come in earlier.

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03:18:24.354 --> 03:18:38.094

Today at one thirty, we're able to get them into the six PM session and really appreciate everybody's comments and concerns this evening. And thank you very much for your participation if you didn't present oral comments.

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But you still wish to comment.

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Remember you can submit written comments to the agency is directed in the public notice, which can be accessed on our Web page written comments will be included in the record and received by the agency as responsiveness summary. I'm sorry.

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03:18:53.965 --> 03:19:06.565

And reviewed by the agency as responsiveness summary. Is prepared again, the record, and this matter closes on June thirteen th, two thousand. Twenty please send your written comments to the attention of myself.

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Jeff guy as indicated in the public notice. The repository of documents for the permitting action is available and Illinois office.

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And you can obtain those through a foyer request to the agency, which can be done through our website, or is Brad mentioned earlier. You can also contact the agency. If you need help, navigating this request again. Thank you so much for your participation today.

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03:19:30.444 --> 03:19:33.475

And this hearing is now adjourned, thank you.

Exhibit 103

R 002462

From: [Frost, Brad](#)
To: [Guy, Jeff](#)
Subject: FW: [External] SETF Correspondence With Director Kim
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:36:22 PM
Attachments: [Southeast Environmental Task Force Request To IL EPA Regarding General III.docx](#)

Please add to the comment record

From: Pressnall, Chris <Chris.Pressnall@Illinois.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:27 PM
To: Kim, John J. <John.J.Kim@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Nifong, Heather <Heather.Nifong@Illinois.gov>; Armitage, Julie <Julie.Armitage@Illinois.gov>; Frost, Brad <Brad.Frost@Illinois.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] SETF Correspondence With Director Kim

FYI...passing along as Keith requested.

Chris Pressnall

Environmental Justice Coordinator
Illinois EPA

(217) 524-1284
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chris.pressnall@illinois.gov

From: Harley, Keith <kharley@kentlaw.iit.edu>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Pressnall, Chris <Chris.Pressnall@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] SETF Correspondence With Director Kim

Hi Chris -

Please be advised that I represent the Southeast Environmental Task Force.

I'm attaching a letter that is being sent to Director Kim today. I copied you.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide to ensure this letter reaches the Director as soon as possible.

- Keith Harley

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May 29, 2020

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Re: General III Air Construction Permit

Dear Director Kim:

Please be advised that I represent the Southeast Environmental Task Force (SETF). SETF is supported in this matter by the South East Chicago Coalition to Ban Petcoke and the Natural Resources Defense Council.

During the recent General III public hearing, IL EPA indicated that the equipment employed by General Iron would be moved to the new General III facility, including the RTO and other pollution control equipment. Consistent with this, the pending application and the draft permit are based on the operating characteristics of existing equipment employed by General III.

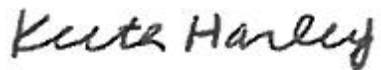
SETF now asserts that the pending permit application and the resulting draft permit do not accurately represent the operation of the equipment that will be employed at the new General III facility. The permit application is an inadequate basis for permit review and is incomplete. SETF's assertion is based on the explosion that occurred at General Iron shortly after the public hearing. Initial reports suggest the explosion originated in the RTO, one of the pieces of pollution control equipment that is to be transferred to the General III facility. Moreover, even if the operation of the RTO is not the only cause of the explosion, the transfer of any equipment that can cause this kind of catastrophic failure suggests the applicant's representations must be revisited as part of any credible permit review.

The pending application is incomplete because the applicant's representations about the proposed use of any equipment, its control efficiency, and the applicant's ability to operate the equipment safely and effectively can no longer be accepted without a complete investigation of the explosion incident. Existing emission estimates and air quality models that do not account for emissions during periods of catastrophic failure also must be reassessed. Additional permit terms and conditions may be necessary to prevent future accidents and to ensure the integrity of the equipment and the applicant's operating systems, all of which are relevant permitting considerations. This analysis is also consistent with the health, safety and welfare of nearby schools, parks, river users and residential neighborhoods.

For this reason, SETF asserts the pending permit application is incomplete and does not provide a basis for IL EPA to make permitting decisions about the General III facility. IL EPA must not proceed to final permit decisions until it acquires information about the equipment that the applicant is proposing to transfer and its ability to operate this equipment in a safe and effective manner. In the meantime, we urge IL EPA issue a Notice of Incompleteness regarding the pending permit application and/or a permit denial.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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cc Chris Pressnall, Environmental Justice Officer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, via
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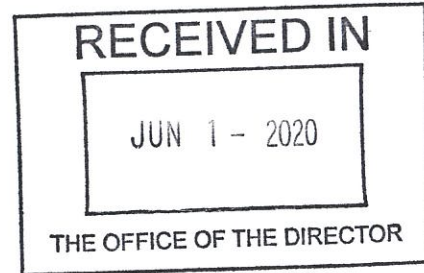
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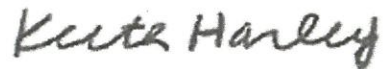
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Exhibit 104

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Ricardo DeLeon](#); letterforthemayor@cityofchicago.org
Subject: RE: [External] Please REJECT General Iron
Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 12:16:23 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Ricardo DeLeon <deleonricardo877@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 9:47 PM
To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>; letterforthemayor@cityofchicago.org
Subject: [External] Please REJECT General Iron

Hello,

As a life long resident of Chicago's East Side neighborhood, I am writing to you to very strongly oppose the relocation of General Iron to my community. We are already significantly burdened with high pollution from surrounding manufacturing companies and the BP refinery. We also have ongoing issues and negative health impacts related to the toxic environment left behind by the old steel mills.

This community needs to be protected by the EPA and our government officials. If General Iron is allowed into our neighborhood, it will be a significant setback and pose a profound negative impact on our community's wellbeing. We are suffering from high cancer rates and respiratory problems.

Please REJECT their request and permit and protect our residents — we are counting on you to do the right thing and support environmental justice and our public's health.

Thank you for your time, our community is depending on you now more than ever.

Thank you,
Ricardo DeLeon
773-203-5909

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Exhibit 105

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Betty Jo Joy](#)
Subject: RE: General Iron
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:29:14 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

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From: Betty Jo Joy <bjoy@ikriegassoc.com>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 3:27 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

Hello Ms. Garza,

I've been a resident of the East Side for many years. Pollution has always been a problem around here. Please take a stand for clean living space for everyone and do not let General Iron move into this Ward. Their operations will be close to the marshes, and the forest preserves, and schools. They have a history of evading pollution rules and standards. Residents here deserve better. Thank you.

Betty Jo Joy
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Grants Manager



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Exhibit 106

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [James Rodriguez](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron moving to the East side of Chicago - Opposed
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:32:31 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: James Rodriguez <jamesrodriguez213@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 3:54 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron moving to the East side of Chicago - Opposed

Please do not let General Iron move to the East Side of Chicago.

Thank you,
James and Angie Rodriguez

Exhibit 107

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Linda Young](#)
Subject: RE: No to General Iron
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:34:35 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Linda Young <lindaoutlaw@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 4:50 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] No to General Iron

Please do not let General Iron move to the East Side of Chicago.

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From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [john Stajcic](#)
Subject: RE: General Iron
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:36:42 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: john Stajcic <masterchiefdv@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 9:18 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

I have lived on the East Side all my life and no one I know wants more pollution coming to the most polluted area of the city.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Carolina Diaz Martinez](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:39:28 AM
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From: Carolina Diaz Martinez <caro_d07@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 30, 2020 8:15 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

Please do not let General Iron move to the East Side of Chicago. The environmental risks associated are a major concern for me and my family. I live only a couple of blocks away from the proposed location. The health of my two young girls is at risk.

Carolina Diaz Martinez

Sent from my iPhone

Exhibit 110

R 002477

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Adelina Avalos](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron
Date: Monday, June 1, 2020 10:41:51 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Adelina Avalos <adelinaavalos12@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 3:19 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

Hello. My name is Adelina and I am a resident on the SE side of Chicago. Please say no to General Iron. It is unacceptable to put our lives at risk simply because we live in a convenient area. Thank you!

Adelina Avalos (she/her/hers)
Director for [IL Youth Climate Movement](#)
Ambassador for [The National Resource Defense Council](#)
(773)-750-0848 adelinaavalos12@gmail.com

Exhibit 111

R 002478

From: [Frost, Brad](#)
To: [Guy, Jeff](#)
Subject: FW: [Ext] RE: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING
Date: Friday, June 5, 2020 1:27:31 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Please add to the hearing record as a comment

From: Harley, Keith <kharley@kentlaw.iit.edu>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 1:19 PM
To: Frost, Brad <Brad.Frost@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [Ext] RE: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

In terms of this provision -

415 ILCS 5/39:

"In making its determinations on permit applications under this Section the Agency may consider prior adjudications of noncompliance with this Act by the applicant that involved a release of a contaminant into the environment.

In granting permits, the Agency may impose reasonable conditions specifically related to the applicant's past compliance history with this Act as necessary to correct, detect, or prevent noncompliance.

The Agency may impose such other conditions as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of this Act, and as are not inconsistent with the regulations promulgated by the Board hereunder."

- can you remind when this was added to the Illinois Environmental Protection Act? My memory may be faulty, and if so I apologize, but wasn't it after the cases you cite? My recollection is that this provision was added by the legislature to clarify the scope of Agency's authority, in part because of the cases you cite. Like I said, this is back in the day, and I apologize if memory doesn't serve. If memory does serve, can you direct me to any cases interpreting this specific provision in its current form?

Thanks Brad.

- Keith Harley

On Fri, Jun 5, 2020 at 7:53 AM Frost, Brad <Brad.Frost@illinois.gov> wrote:

Nancy,

Under the Illinois EPA's enabling authority, we are required to issue a permit to an applicant upon proof that the proposed facility or equipment will not cause a violation of the Environmental

Protection Act or the Pollution Control Board's Subtitle B air pollution regulations. See Section 39 (a). Under this standard, Agency review does not look to past practices or conduct at the source (or the same source at another location) but, rather, considers if the applicant's emission units or equipment that are being constructed or operated will comply with such requirements prospectively based on information contained within the application for permit.

An applicant's past or on-going compliance issues must instead be addressed through the Agency's compliance and enforcement programs. The distinction stems from past court rulings holding that permitting is no substitute for enforcement, and that the Agency must not deny or condition a permit decision based upon allegations that a source is violating, or has violated, applicable requirements.

Narrow exceptions will exist in the case of an applicant that has been previously adjudicated of violations that relate to either an environmental release or to prior experience in waste management operations, clean construction or demolition debris fill operations, or tire storage site management. These exceptions are found in Sections 39(a) and (i) of the Environmental Protection Act.

There are a number of cases relating to the statutory provisions, see *IEPA v. PCB*, 252 Ill. App3d 828 (3rd Dist. 1993), cited by *ESG Watts v. PCB*, 286 Ill. App3d 325 (3rd Dist. 1997); *Grigoleit v. EPA*, PCB No. 89-184 (November 29, 1990). See generally, *Martell v. Mauzy*, 511 F. Supp. 729 (N.D. Ill. 1981).

Brad

Brad Frost
Manager, Office of Community Relations
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From: Nancy Loeb <n-loeb@northwestern.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:13 AM
To: Frost, Brad <Brad.Frost@Illinois.gov>; Geertsma, Meleah <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>; EXT Harley, Keith <kharley@kentlaw.iit.edu>
Cc: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Dear Brad,

We would very much appreciate your response to this request.

Thank you and best regards,

Nancy

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From: Nancy Loeb <n-loeb@northwestern.edu>
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 2:15 PM
To: "Frost, Brad" <Brad.Frost@Illinois.gov>, "Geertsma, Meleah" <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>, Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>
Cc: "Guy, Jeff" <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>, Gina Ramirez <gramirez@nrdc.org>
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Brad,

Can you please provide citations for the caselaw referred to in IEPA Attorney Rob Lame's response concerning consideration of General Iron's compliance history.

Thank you very much.

Nancy

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From: "Frost, Brad" <Brad.Frost@Illinois.gov>
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 1:46 PM
To: "Geertsma, Meleah" <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>, Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>
Cc: "Guy, Jeff" <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>, Gina Ramirez <gramirez@nrdc.org>, Nancy Loeb <n-loeb@northwestern.edu>
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Everyone is on mute. Roll call is only for people who joined by phone,. I can see you and meleah, olga

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From: Geertsma, Meleah <mgeertsma@nrdc.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 1:39:47 PM
To: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>
Cc: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>; Frost, Brad <Brad.Frost@Illinois.gov>; Ramirez, Gina <gramirez@nrdc.org>; Nancy Loeb <n-loeb@northwestern.edu>
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

I just joined around 1:36 and was told by a colleague that you had already done roll call.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 14, 2020, at 1:37 PM, Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com> wrote:

We are having trouble logging in and you have us on mute and you cant hear us.

Olga and others

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 1:37 PM Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com> wrote:

We are on the call but the "the host muted you" keeps coming up and you cant here me and others when you did role call.

Olga

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 11:30 AM Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Ok thanks

Jeffrey J. Guy

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Office of Community Relations

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov

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From: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 11:27 AM

To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>

Cc: Corina Pedraza <Pedrazac74@gmail.com>; EPA.PublicHearingCom
<EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>

Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Hi Jeff,

Corina is available this evening (she asked me to respond on her behalf) because of work and family obligations.

Olga

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 10:51 AM Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov> wrote:

Afternoon or evening for Corina?

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Corina Pedraza <Pedrazac74@gmail.com>; Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Hello Again,

Community resident Corina Pedraza (cc'd here) is available to testify too. Are there any slots available? Thank you for your flexibility especially given the circumstances we are in.

Olga

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From: **Olga Bautista** <obautista58@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, May 14, 2020 at 10:46 AM
Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov>

Great, thank you so much!

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 10:46 AM EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov> wrote:

Ms. Bautista,

Thanks, I will register you for the 1:30 pm session. You will be speaker 10.

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From: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2020 10:40 AM

To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>

Subject: Re: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

I am available at 1:30 today if that works for you.

On Thu, May 14, 2020 at 8:34 AM EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@illinois.gov> wrote:

Good morning Ms. Bautista,

Thank you for your interest in providing comments at today's public hearing. Although the last day to register to speak was Tuesday, we should be able to work you in. There are two available sessions (1:30 pm and 6:00 pm) as found in the attached public notice. **Please let me know as soon as possible which session works best for you.** Once that is established, I will call on you during the hearing. I will also add your contact information to the mailing list.

The connection instructions are provided in the attached public notice document. When it is your turn to speak, I will call on you. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Olga Bautista <obautista58@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 5:27 PM

To: Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>

Subject: [External] Make a comment at the General Iron VIRTUAL HEARING

Hello Jeff can you please add me to the list to make a comment tomorrow. I also left you a voicemail about it. I'm sorry I wasn't able to sign up sooner.

Olga

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Olga Bautista

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Exhibit 112

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Judith Andrade](#)
Subject: RE: "NO TO GENERAL IRON ON THE EAST SIDE"
Date: Friday, June 5, 2020 2:11:29 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks,

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From: Judith Andrade <judyandrade@wowway.com>
Sent: Friday, June 5, 2020 12:14 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Cc: judyandrade <judyandrade@wowway.com>; ward10@cityofchicago.org; letterforthemayor@cityofchicago.org
Subject: [External] "NO TO GENERAL IRON ON THE EAST SIDE"
"NO TO GENERAL IRON ON THE EAST SIDE" – TIME FOR CHICAGO TO TAKE CARE OF ALL RESIDENTS INCLUDING MINORITIES AND THE LOWER INCOME POPULATION!!!! STOP THE DISPARITIES AND INEQUALITIES!!! We do not want this pollution here!!!! IS THE CITY GOING TO CONTINUE TO SHOW THAT MINORITIES AND LOWER INCOME PEOPLE ARE LESS IMPORTANT BY ALLOWING THIS MOVE FROM LINCOLN PARK (primarily white with higher income) TO CHICAGO'S EAST SIDE (primarily minority with lower income)? NOW'S THE TIME FOR CHICAGO TO PROVE THAT THEY DON'T FAVOR PEOPLE BASED ON INCOME AND/OR ETHNICITY! When Lincoln Park complained, the city listened! Well, now the East Side is complaining - DO NOT ALLOW GENERAL IRON TO MOVE MORE POLLUTION TO OUR EAST SIDE!!!! IF THEIR NEW SYSTEM WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR LINCOLN PARK, IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE EAST SIDE! The East Side already has a high rate of asthma and other health problems due to pollution! Alderman Susan Sadlowski Garza & Mayor Lori Lightfoot - DON'T JUST TALK ABOUT

DISPARITIES AND INEQUALITIES. PUT YOUR ACTIONS WHERE YOUR TALK IS.

STOP ALLOWING MORE AND MORE CONTAMINATION IN THE EAST SIDE OF CHICAGO. SHOW US YOU CARE! DON'T ALLOW THIS MOVE TO THE EAST SIDE!

Judy Andrade and Family
Residents of the East Side

Exhibit 113

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Terry Evans](#)
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron plan to move to 11600 South Burley Avenue, Chicago, Illinois
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 9:48:46 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Mr. Evans,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks Again,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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From: Terry Evans <terry@terryevansphotography.com>
Sent: Monday, June 8, 2020 5:54 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>; Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Cc: James Kinney <jamesgordonkinney@gmail.com>; Wayne Garritano <wag9730@sbcglobal.net>; Gina Ramirez <gramirez@nrdc.org>; Peggy Salazar <peggy_setf@sbcglobal.net>; Susan Sadlowski Garza <susansadlowiskigarza@gmail.com>
Subject: [External] General Iron plan to move to 11600 South Burley Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Dear IEPA and Jeff Guy,

I am writing to protest the move of General Iron from the North Side of Chicago to the Southeast Side. Neighbors of the north side location found the presence of General Iron Recycling Company to be polluting and disturbing to their residential and business life in their neighborhood, so finally General Iron has agreed to move. Is there any reason to think the resident neighbors on the Southeast Side would find the presence of General Iron more tolerable? Not only has the Southeast Side experienced environmental racism for years as they suffer industrial pollution as seen most recently in petcoke storage, manganese and now scrap metal shredding, they are also experiencing higher rates of COVID -19 illness and death than other Chicago neighborhoods.

As Ban Petcoke member, Gina Ramirez says:

“It’s moving from a wealthy white community to a low-income minority community, so it’s enriching the North Side community at the expense of the residents of the Southeast Side,” Ramirez said. “... It’s a clear symbol that this neighborhood is a sacrifice zone.”

I have read on General Iron website that they have state of the art machinery to do their work, but their work is nevertheless loud, dusty and dirty. Of utmost importance is the fact that southeast side residents suffer extremely high percentages of illness and death from COVID-19. Please do not impose more health stress ion this community by moving the metal shredding into the midst of a residential neighborhood.

Thank you for your concern.

Terry Evans, photographer
1525 East 55th St.
Chicago, Il 60615

773 972 5663

Exhibit 114

R 002491

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Wayne Garritano](#)
Subject: RE: [External] No General Iron Operations on the Far Southeast Side
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 1:27:29 PM

Mr. Garritano,

Thank you for your comments, which will be included as an exhibit with the hearing record. The Agency will prepare a responsiveness summary that will include a summary of all the views, significant comments, criticisms, and suggestions - in addition to the Agency's specific response and final action. You will be notified of the final decision in this matter and of the availability of the responsiveness summary.

Thanks again,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Wayne Garritano <wag9730@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 8:53 AM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>; Guy, Jeff <Jeff.Guy@Illinois.gov>
Cc: Jimmy Kinney <jamesgordonkinney@gmail.com>; Peggy Salazar <peggy_setf@sbcglobal.net>; Alderwoman Sue Sadlowski Garza <ward10@cityofchicago.org>; terry@terryevansphotography.com; tomshepherd2001@yahoo.com; Rick Bryant <Rick.Bryant@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV>; Nick Radojkovic <nickrxhc@yahoo.com>; Congresswoman Robin Kelly <IL02RKima@mail.house.gov>; correspondence@duckworth.senate.gov; terryhoytevens@icloud.com; samcor80@yahoo.com; correspondence_reply@durbin.senate.gov
Subject: [External] No General Iron Operations on the Far Southeast Side

To Whom It May Concern at the IEPA and Mr. Jeff Guy, I am writing to protest the move of General Iron from its' present location to my neighborhood on the far southeast side of Chicago. The crassness of the owner, Mr Labkon, of this cited and fined, ecological disaster he calls a green company is just amazing! His dirty polluting business is basically being thrown out of their North Side Ward , so he thinks that the far south side is more suitable for this dirty business. The vile nerve of this political insider, enabler!
With the Covid-19 pandemic still raging, infecting and killing Chicago citizens daily and the community already suffering with high incidents of asthma and Covid-19, battling manganese and petcoke why would the IEPA allow this polluter to further exacerbate the health problems already affecting the far southeast side? Why ? Would you people want it in your neighborhood?
Please disallow this move to our already taxed environmental justice community! This community has been hurt too long with indiscriminate polluters who dump here and live elsewhere!

Sent from my iPad

Exhibit 115

R 002492

From: [Frost, Brad](#)
To: [Guy, Jeff](#)
Subject: FW: [External] General Iron
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:34:22 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image008.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

For the record

From: Frost, Brad
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 6:33 AM
To: Jennifer Walling <jwalling@ilenviro.org>
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron

Jen,

The 30th day was a Saturday so the comment period runs to Monday, June 15. Jeff issued a clarification to that end which you will find on the public notice website, <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/public-notice/boa-notice/Pages/default.aspx>

Hope you are well and let me know if you need anything else.

Brad

Brad Frost
Manager, Office of Community Relations
217/782-7027



From: Jennifer Walling <jwalling@ilenviro.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Frost, Brad <Brad.Frost@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron

Brad,

When are General Iron permit public comments due? I swear I had an e-mail from you that said it was the 15th because the 13th is a Saturday, but I can't find it now.

- Jen

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From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: [Mark Mitrovich](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Please stop General Iron from moving to the East Side neighborhood
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:26:11 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

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Thanks,

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From: Mark Mitrovich <mmitrovich@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:14 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>; ward10@cityofchicago.org
Subject: [External] Please stop General Iron from moving to the East Side neighborhood

Please log this email as my vote against General Iron moving to the East Side. I've been a resident of the East Side my entire life of 62 years. The East Side is still suffering from years of industrial pollution. The neighborhood does not need another polluter.

Let this company leave Illinois. We don't need General Iron's jobs or tax dollars. The company has not been a good neighbor in their current location, why do you think they will change when they come to the East Side?

The East Side needs investments that will clean-up this neighborhood not more polluters.

From: [Mark Mitrovich](#)
To: [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#); [City of Chicago](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Please stop General Iron from moving to the East Side neighborhood
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:35:29 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you Mr Guy. I hope the Agency does the right thing and stops General Iron from coming to the East Side neighborhood in Chicago. This company has proven that it is not a good corporate citizen. Fines mean nothing to a company like General Iron. They will promise to follow any and all environmental rules to get their approval and then will break the law the first chance they get. Fines are just the cost of doing business.

The East Side needs a chance to rebuild from years of decay. Bringing General Iron to our area will end any hope of the revitalization of the East Side. This area is not an industrial wasteland. Please don't turn it into one.

Thank you,

Mark Mitrovich

On Thursday, June 11, 2020, 08:26:17 AM CDT, EPA. PublicHearingCom <epa.publichearingcom@illinois.gov> wrote:

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Exhibit 117

R 002497

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: skeddy444@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:33:03 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

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From: Sarah Eddy <Sarah.Eddy.49996788@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 2:56 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

Dear Hearing Officer Jeff Guy,

Air pollution harms our health. No community should have to bear the burden of air pollution at any time, but as coronavirus rates are skyrocketing in Chicago's Latinx community, Illinois must step up to stop polluters like General Iron from compounding the problem in Chicago's Southeast neighborhood. That's why I urge you to reject General Iron's permit and stop their move to the Southeast side!

General Iron is a serial polluter that has consistently violated environmental law, with a fire in 2015, a city-ordered shut-down in 2016, and a citation for air pollution in 2018. They have shown time and again that they cannot and will not adhere to environmental rules and regulations. What makes you think that a move to the Southeast side will be any different? They have not shown themselves worthy of the public's trust.

The Illinois legislature requires that no segment of the population, regardless of race, national origin,

age, or income, should bear disproportionately high or adverse effects of environmental pollution. Moving the General Iron facility to Chicago's southeast side would do just that.

Taking this into account with General Iron's track record of pollution, granting this permit to General Iron would be a gross violation of the mission of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The Illinois EPA must reject General Iron's permit and stop their move to the Southeast side.

Regards,
Sarah Eddy
859 W Newport Ave
Chicago, IL 60657

Exhibit 118

R 002499

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: palinc2@aol.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:40:51 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

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From: Esther Allman <Esther.Allman.245620399@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:01 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Frankfort, IL 60423

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: annie.mo57@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:44:43 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Thanks,

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Annie Morse <Annie.Morse.95603278@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:02 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

Dear Hearing Officer Jeff Guy,

Air pollution harms our health. No community should have to bear the burden of air pollution at any time, but as coronavirus rates are skyrocketing in Chicago's Latinx community, Illinois must step up to stop polluters like General Iron from compounding the problem in Chicago's Southeast neighborhood. That's why I urge you to reject General Iron's permit and stop their move to the Southeast side!

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age, or income, should bear disproportionately high or adverse effects of environmental pollution. Moving the General Iron facility to Chicago's southeast side would do just that.

Taking this into account with General Iron's track record of pollution, granting this permit to General Iron would be a gross violation of the mission of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The Illinois EPA must reject General Iron's permit and stop their move to the Southeast side.

Regards,
Annie Morse
2023 W Evergreen Ave
Chicago, IL 60622 |

Exhibit 120

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From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: gail@oehcs.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:48:56 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Gail Brandys <Gail.Brandys.110023760@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:03 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Gail Brandys
635 Harding Rd
Hinsdale, IL 60521 |

Exhibit 121

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: janice.rodgers@quarles.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:54:36 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Janice Rodgers <Janice.Rodgers.109787495@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:03 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Janice Rodgers
2100 N Lincoln Park W
Chicago, IL 60614 |

Exhibit 122

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: rkannegiesser@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:58:57 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Ryan Kannegiesser <Ryan.Kannegiesser.311634372@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:03 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Ryan Kannegiesser
0N031 Pierce Ave
Wheaton, IL 60187 |

Exhibit 123

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: cathybernotfelix@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:21:53 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Cathy Felix <Cathy.Felix.16466061@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:04 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Cathy Felix
2706 Deerfield Ln
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: mtlundholm@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:27:30 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hello,

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From: Mark Lundholm <Mark.Lundholm.16303953@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:06 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Mark Lundholm
2014 N Old Hicks Rd
Palatine, IL 60074 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: mgmtzen@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:31:27 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Matt Mitzen <Matt.Mitzen.96578672@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:09 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

Dear Hearing Officer Jeff Guy,

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Regards,
Matt Mitzen
3548 Davis St
Evanston, IL 60203 |

Exhibit 126

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: hanksaunders@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:36:47 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Henrietta Saunders <Henrietta.Saunders.320888425@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:09 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Henrietta Saunders
59 Park Dr
Glenview, IL 60025 |

Exhibit 127

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: andreajakubas@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:40:57 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Andrea Jakubas <Andrea.Jakubas.127964407@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:11 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

Dear Hearing Officer Jeff Guy,

Please, don't continue to burden the southeast side with environmental pollution.

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Regards,
Andrea Jakubas
2745 S Princeton Ave
Chicago, IL 60616 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: nnoe@niu.edu
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:44:53 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Nicholas Noe <Nicholas.Noel23902139@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:11 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Nicholas Noe
508 S 5th St
Dekalb, IL 60115 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: k-corn@northwestern.edu
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:48:13 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Kimberly Corn <Kimberly.Corn.147196444@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:12 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Kimberly Corn
102 Seymour Ave
Grayslake, IL 60030 |

Exhibit 130

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: mfoconnor@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:54:10 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Mary OConnor <Mary.OConnor.320889730@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:12 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Mary OConnor
722 W Grace St
Chicago, IL 60613 |

Exhibit 131

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: foellerpituch@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 9:57:22 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Elzbieta Pituch <Elzbieta.Pituch.117325164@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:14 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Elzbieta Pituch
1904 Colfax St
Evanston, IL 60201 |

From: EPA.PublicHearingCom
To: cristinallisonwilliams@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:28:34 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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(217) 785-8724
Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Cristin Williams <Cristin.Williams.320890648@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:15 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Cristin Williams
3203 N Ridgeway Ave
Chicago, IL 60618 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: ns1224@sbcglobal.net
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:31:36 AM
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From: n s <n.s.231347839@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:15 PM
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Regards,

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1040 W Harrison St
Chicago, IL 60607 |

Exhibit 134

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: jessica.niekrasz@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:34:39 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Jessica Niekrasz <Jessica.Niekrasz.132697886@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:15 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Jessica Niekrasz
364 Robinson Ct
Riverside, IL 60546 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: erwedoff@aol.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:37:44 AM
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From: Eugene Wedoff <Eugene.Wedoff.295577708@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:15 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Eugene Wedoff
144 N Elmwood Ave
Oak Park, IL 60302 |

Exhibit 136

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: albrecht.lisa@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:40:15 AM
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From: Lisa Albrecht <Lisa.Albrecht.40258038@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:16 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Lisa Albrecht
4225 N Paulina St
Chicago, IL 60613 |

Exhibit 137

R 002537

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: agadog@mac.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:43:08 AM
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From: V Evan <V.Evan.15609108@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:18 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,

V Evan

1335 W Rosedale Ave

Chicago, IL 60660 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: rkurczee@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:03:11 AM
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From: Ruth Kurczewski <Ruth.Kurczewski.320893302@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:20 PM
To: [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#) <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Ruth Kurczewski
5555 N Sheridan Rd
Chicago, IL 60640 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: ccooper771@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:10:11 AM
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From: Carol Cooper <Carol.Cooper.209423983@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:21 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Carol Cooper
950 Bartlett Terrace
Libertyville, IL 60048 |

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From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: bruced123@icloud.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:12:43 AM
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From: Bruce Davidson <Bruce.Davidson.75575975@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:26 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Bruce Davidson
123 17th St
Wilmette, IL 60091 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: sdsscout@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:15:45 AM
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From: Drucker Sally <Drucker.Sally.90334380@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:30 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Drucker Sally
2033 N Cleveland Ave
Chicago, IL 60614 |

Exhibit 142

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: 7hammond@jmls.edu
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:18:28 AM
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From: celeste hammond <celeste.hammond.320896741@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:30 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

Dear Hearing Officer Jeff Guy,

I have a very personal reason: My son in law teaches at CPS elementary school, Little Village. I worry that he too will get sick!!!! He is not a minority BUT he cares deeply about his students who are all Hispanic. Air pollution harms our health. No community should have to bear the burden of air pollution at any time, but as coronavirus rates are skyrocketing in Chicago's Latinx community, Illinois must step up to stop polluters like General Iron from compounding the problem in Chicago's Southeast neighborhood. That's why I urge you to reject General Iron's permit and stop their move to the Southeast side!

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Regards,
celeste hammond
4901 N Central Park Ave
Chicago, IL 60625 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: oneillchicago@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:31:24 AM
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From: David O'Neill <David.ONeill.320897146@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:31 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

Dear Hearing Officer Jeff Guy,

The efficient recycling of iron and other metals represents the most successful recycling program that exist in the world today. Recycled iron is essential to the operation of basic oxygen furnaces and electric arc furnaces and results in a reduced need to process more iron from raw materials. The benefits to the environment in reducing the need for more operation of blast furnaces to produce iron is important to the health of our planet.

If iron is not efficiently recycled, it will enter non-productive waste streams and become a hazard in the ecosystem. Presently, there is a well establish route for iron to be reused. IEPA should do everything they can to maintain this system.

The availability of properly recycled iron is also essential to supporting the industry on the south east side and surrounding areas. It is well established that availability of natural resources and infrastructure makes the subject area among the most advantageous area in which to produce iron,

steel and alloys of the same. Unfortunately, political forces and special interest groups with poor intentions and misguided agendas have acted to interfere with the existing natural advantages and, as a result, a majority of our iron and steel now comes from across the globe where it is produced under far more lenient environmental requirements. Additionally, the transportation of these materials add greatly to environmental strain and global warming.

While it is not a primary concern of the IEPA, the potential loss of job that would result from the IEPA not doing its job is a factor that should be consider. Many of these jobs are or could be filled by minorities.

I ask the IEPA to do their job and grant this permit under the existing regulations and not allow special interest groups to politicize this issue at the detriment of our society as a whole.

Regards,
David O'Neill
6339 W Grace St
Chicago, IL 60634 |

Exhibit 144

R 002551

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: massmjw55@att.net
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:34:31 AM
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From: John Massman <John.Massman.12565029@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:32 PM
To: [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#) <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
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42861 N Janette St
Antioch, IL 60002 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: glenn@mygreencpa.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:38:07 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Thanks,

Jeffrey J. Guy

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Glenn Reed <Glenn.Reed.43471290@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:34 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

Dear Hearing Officer Jeff Guy,

Air pollution harms our health. No community should have to bear the burden of air pollution at any time, but as coronavirus rates are skyrocketing in Chicago's Latinx community, Illinois must step up to stop polluters like General Iron from compounding the problem in Chicago's Southeast neighborhood. That's why I urge you to reject General Iron's permit and stop their move to the Southeast side!

General Iron is a serial polluter that has consistently violated environmental law, with a fire in 2015, a city-ordered shut-down in 2016, and a citation for air pollution in 2018. They have shown time and again that they cannot and will not adhere to environmental rules and regulations. Moving to the Southeast side is an invitation for them to continue to spread their toxins. They have not shown themselves worthy of the public's trust, and therefore should not be allowed to operate in a densely populated area.

The Illinois legislature requires that no segment of the population, regardless of race, national origin, age, or income, should bear disproportionately high or adverse effects of environmental pollution. Moving the General Iron facility to Chicago's southeast side would do just that.

Taking this into account with General Iron's track record of pollution, granting this permit to General Iron would be a gross violation of the mission of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The Illinois EPA is essentially our only firewall against rampant polluters like General Iron. Illinois EPA must reject General Iron's permit and stop their move to the Southeast side.

Regards,
Glenn Reed
610 Grego Ct
Prospect Heights, IL 60070 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: janicefeinberg@rcn.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:40:26 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Janice Feinberg <Janice.Feinberg.86273437@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:35 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

Dear Hearing Officer Jeff Guy,

I am writing to urge you to reject General Iron's permit and stop their move to the Southeast side! Air pollution harms our health. No community should have to bear the burden of air pollution at any time, but as coronavirus rates are skyrocketing in Chicago's Latinx community, Illinois must step up to stop polluters like General Iron from compounding the problem in Chicago's Southeast neighborhood.

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age, or income, should bear disproportionately high or adverse effects of environmental pollution. Moving the General Iron facility to Chicago's southeast side would do just that.

Taking this into account with General Iron's track record of pollution, granting this permit to General Iron would be a gross violation of the mission of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The Illinois EPA must reject General Iron's permit and stop their move to the Southeast side.

Regards,
Janice Feinberg
415 E North Water St
Chicago, IL 60611 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: dubucletk@mwrdr.org
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:43:49 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Kim Buclet <Kim.Buclet.151151880@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:37 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Kim Buclet
100 E Erie St
Chicago, IL 60611 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: picchetti707@sbcglobal.net
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:46:25 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Gloria Picchetti <Gloria.Picchetti.8296708@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:45 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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The Illinois EPA must reject General Iron's permit and stop their move to the Southeast side.

Regards,
Gloria Picchetti
3920 N Clark St
Chicago, IL 60613 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: marciastoll@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:49:02 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Marcia Stoll <Marcia.Stoll.51567114@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:47 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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The Illinois EPA must reject General Iron's permit and stop their move to the Southeast side.

Regards,
Marcia Stoll
1109 Ashland Ave
Evanston, IL 60202 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: lerves@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:51:10 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Lenore Reeves <Lenore.Reeves.230565540@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:53 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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The Illinois EPA must reject General Iron's permit and stop their move to the Southeast side.

Regards,
Lenore Reeves
19934 Hickory Stick Ln
Mokena, IL 60448 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: p23brown@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:53:35 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Patrick Brown <Patrick.Brown.89107195@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:53 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Patrick Brown
800 Lyman Ave
Oak Park, IL 60304 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: mksccs@aol.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:56:17 AM
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From: Melinda Keith-Singleton <Melinda.KeithSingleton.245619382@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:56 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Melinda Keith-Singleton
1871 Albright Ct
Wheaton, IL 60189 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: kimstonehp@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 11:58:36 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Kim Stone <Kim.Stone.295733317@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:57 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Kim Stone
306 Maple Ave
Highland Park, IL 60035 |

Exhibit 154

R 002571

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: craig.r.schuttenberg@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:01:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Craig Schuttenberg <Craig.Schuttenberg.320905218@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:58 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Craig Schuttenberg
5454 S Dorchester Ave
Chicago, IL 60615 |

Exhibit 155

R 002573

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: wbromer@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:03:26 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: William Bromer <William.Bromer.107454324@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:58 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
William Bromer
1509 N William St
Joliet, IL 60435 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: Carterobrien@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:06:09 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Carter OBrien <Carter.OBrien.40116855@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 3:59 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Carter OBrien
3006 N Christiana Ave
Chicago, IL 60618 |

Exhibit 157

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: justinhart.water@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:10:19 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Justin Hart <Justin.Hart.320906055@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:00 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Justin Hart
4100 N Marine Dr
Chicago, IL 60613 |

Exhibit 158

R 002579

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: elehr@iwu.edu
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:13:10 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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(217) 785-8724
Jeff.Guy@illinois.gov



From: Edgar Lehr <Edgar.Lehr.320906479@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:02 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Edgar Lehr
1012 Norwood Ave
Normal, IL 61761 |

Exhibit 159

R 002581

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: savannahawkins6@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:15:35 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Savannah Hawkins <Savannah.Hawkins.7363245@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:03 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Savannah Hawkins
2640 N Sheffield Ave
Chicago, IL 60614 |

Exhibit 160

R 002583

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: kevinbrubaker@netzero.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:17:59 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Kevin Brubaker <Kevin.Brubaker.107427450@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:03 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Kevin Brubaker
1039 S Humphrey Ave
Oak Park, IL 60304 |

Exhibit 161

R 002585

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: ssutter1948@sbcglobal.net
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 12:20:27 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Shirley Sutter <Shirley.Sutter.248332864@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:04 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Shirley Sutter
931 Market Ct
Vernon Hills, IL 60061 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: evanselgin@yahoo.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:06:42 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Barbara Evans <Barbara.Evans.320907018@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:04 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Barbara Evans
511 E Chicago St
Elgin, IL 60120 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: neps@u.northwestern.edu
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:09:30 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Nick Epstein <Nick.Epstein.320907450@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:06 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Nick Epstein
321 N Clark St
Chicago, IL 60654 |

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From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: jnemes@elpc.org
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:11:49 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Judith Nemes <Judith.Nemes.107433570@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:06 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Judith Nemes
1326 W School St
Chicago, IL 60657 |

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: markmilby@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:15:18 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Mark Milby <Mark.Milby.320908729@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:11 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Mark Milby
2923 W Argyle St
Chicago, IL 60625 |

Exhibit 166

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: kklcac@earthlink.net
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:17:31 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Kevin Lindemann <Kevin.Lindemann.320909449@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:13 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Kevin Lindemann
27W403 Providence Ln
Winfield, IL 60190

Exhibit 167

R 002597

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: sarakaplan120@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:19:41 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Sara Kaplan <Sara.Kaplan.102546417@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:13 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Sara Kaplan
635 W Grace St
Chicago, IL 60613 |

Exhibit 168

R 002599

From: [Guy, Jeff](#) on behalf of [EPA.PublicHearingCom](#)
To: ramirez33g@gmail.com
Subject: RE: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 1:22:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Grace Ramirez <Grace.Ramirez.320910159@p2a.co>
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2020 4:16 PM
To: EPA.PublicHearingCom <EPA.PublicHearingCom@Illinois.gov>
Subject: [External] Please Reject General Iron's Permit to Move to Chicago's Southeast Side!

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Regards,
Grace Ramirez
146 E Blair St
West Chicago, IL 60185 |