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To: Brown, Don; Halloran, Brad
Subject: [External] Emissions Regulations Changes
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Dear Clerk of the Board and Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

I am writing as a Lemont community member to strongly oppose the petition filed by CITGO Petroleum Corporation for an adjusted standard under Docket No. AS 2026-001. CITGO is seeking relief from current Illinois carbon monoxide (CO) emission standards for its larger boilers and heaters during startup, shutdown, and maintenance (SSM) periods.

Our community lives near the facility and already bears a significant environmental burden. Relaxing emissions standards during SSM events—when equipment may be less stable—poses an unnecessary risk to our local air quality and the health of area residents.

CITGO's history of air quality disputes and regulatory enforcement actions makes this request particularly concerning. Granting an adjusted standard would effectively normalize elevated emissions rather than encouraging a major industrial facility to invest in improved controls or operational solutions.

Our community deserves strong, protective environmental enforcement—not customized administrative exceptions that prioritize a corporate bottom line at the expense of residents.

I respectfully urge the Illinois Pollution Control Board to deny this adjusted standard and require CITGO to comply with existing state emission standards.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the health and safety of Lemont residents.

Sincerely,

Zack Zebrowski