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To: Halloran, Brad; Brown, Don
Subject: [External] Public Comment: Opposition to CITGO Lemont Refinery Petition - Docket AS 2026-001
Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2026 6:06:03 PM

Dear Clerk Brown and Hearing Officer Halloran,

I am writing as a concerned community member to respectfully oppose CITGO Petroleum Corporation's petition regarding carbon monoxide (CO) emission standards during facility startup, shutdown, and malfunction periods at the Lemont Refinery.

Residents living near the refinery should not have to accept weaker protections for air quality during periods when emissions may already be elevated. The surrounding communities deserve strong and consistently enforced environmental standards, particularly when children, families, and other vulnerable residents live nearby.

I am concerned that allowing exemptions or adjustments to existing CO emission standards could result in additional pollution being released into the surrounding community. I believe facilities should be held accountable for maintaining appropriate pollution controls and operating equipment safely rather than changing environmental standards to accommodate periods when those controls are not functioning as intended.

CITGO is a major corporation with significant resources, and I believe they have a responsibility to invest in maintaining and improving its pollution-control equipment and to operate the refinery in a manner that protects the health and quality of life of neighboring communities.

I respectfully ask the Illinois Pollution Control Board to carefully consider the potential consequences of this petition and to prioritize the health, safety, and environmental well-being of the residents who live near the Lemont refinery.

Thank you for your consideration of my comment and for allowing community members to participate in this process.

Best,
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