

November 5, 2019

John Kim
Director
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Director Kim,

We thank you for the response from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency dated October 2, 2019. I am following up today in regards to the responses and information provided by the agency. Please note that our community members continue to want to ensure that the state site remediation process includes active participation by community members, a full and complete characterization of site contamination, as well as full and complete characterization of any potential contamination that extends further into the community or the Sanitary and Ship Canal outside of the site boundary, and a remediation that is protective of human health and the environment, now and in the future.

The public health of the Little Village community continues to be severely and adversely affected by persistent, cumulative impacts from environmental exposure for decades, including from the operations at the former Crawford Coal Power Plant site and ongoing exposure to a multitude of toxins from transportation and industrial facilities overburdening the neighborhood.

1. "Based on current soil and groundwater sampling data collected from within the site boundaries, it does not appear on-site soil and groundwater impacts have migrated to the neighborhoods north of the site. As part of enrollment in the SRP, the RA is required to define the extent of contamination on-site." Can IEPA share with the community the sampling data results that support this decision?
2. What is the status of the site inspection in regards to the use of treated effluent on the site being used for dust suppression?
3. Given the results of the 2012 violation notice for ground water standards for pH, Iron, Manganese, Sulfate, Chloride, Total Dissolved Solids, and Antimony, why are those same contaminants not being monitored for currently?
4. LVEJO will be following up separately on the issue of Coal Ash.
5. "Based on the sampling results, no remedial measures of the this area are warranted" - Can IEPA share the sampling results?
6. What is the timeline for the modeling will occur once the assessment activities are completed?

We remind IEPA that this is the first time that a Coal Power Plant in the City of Chicago is being demolished, and the city and state have a unique opportunity to collaborate with the community to ensure well-being and mitigate additional pollution burdens on neighbors who cannot shoulder more. From Wood River, Illinois to Philadelphia, PA. Communities dealing with Hilco

and other contractors working on Crawford are reaching out to understand what our experiences have and continue to be.

We share with them that our City's response is to close our doors and lock our windows. This continues to be an unreasonable ask of community residents who are made to take measures to protect themselves as a result of this project, and it puts the onus of protection on the community residents, instead of compelling protective action from the company doing the work. This approach is not adequate solution for community members, hence our stated requests above. We look forward to your response.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
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