



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
CITY OF CHICAGO

December 16, 2019

Kim Wasserman  
Little Village Environmental Justice Organization

Dear Ms. Wasserman,

The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) is committed to ensuring the health and safety of Little Village residents during the dismantling of the old Crawford Coal Plant and cleanup of the redevelopment site. Below are answers to the questions you shared in your October 29, 2019 letter related to the project, based on current information we have:

Q1 – 3: CDPH discussed with Hilco the need for more timely progress updates and better communication with the community. Hilco has committed to doing so, including more frequently updating its website content, including the Spanish translation of the site.

Q4: While air monitoring isn't required for buildings, facilities or other structures that are being demolished or renovated, the developer and its contractors are responsible for assuring that safeguards are utilized to minimize the emission of airborne dust. CDPH inspectors will continue to complete regular inspections during the redevelopment of this property and respond to any complaints. Inspectors will monitor to ensure that visible dust does not leave the worksite, trucks are tarped before entering City streets, dirt and debris are not being deposited onto the roadway and onsite dust is kept to a minimum.

Q5: Hilco's fugitive dust control plan is attached. Also, as part of the Demolition Notice of Intent, Hilco is required to take steps to control dust and has been using a watering truck and misting devices for fugitive dust control. CDPH inspectors have confirmed this and will continue to monitor the site for excessive dust.

Q6: Street sweeping is completed on an as needed basis, as per Hilco's agreement with the city, and a street sweeper is on site for this purpose. CDPH will continue to monitor the area to ensure that when dust or mud is observed on surrounding streets that street sweeping is being done in a timely manner.

Q7: The Demolition Notice of Intent lists work hours as 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Q8: Hilco's original wrecking permit is dated July 6, 2018 and the application estimated approximately 600 working days. The work is anticipated to be completed in March of 2020, and pending Notifications of Intent will update the projected completion date. A copy of the wrecking permit is attached.

Q9: While CDPH does not share 311 complaints with IEPA in real time, we do report complaint-based inspections to the IEPA on a quarterly basis.

It is the mission of CDPH to protect the health and well-being of all Chicagoans. Ensuring that our residents can breathe clean air is a top priority. I want to thank you for your dedication to this issue and for your inquiry. We will continue to closely monitor this project to ensure appropriate protections and safeguards are taken to protect the community. As long as that is the case, no additional actions are required by local residents to protect themselves.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 312-747-9870 or [Allison.Arwady@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Allison.Arwady@cityofchicago.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison Arwady, MD". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Allison Arwady, MD  
Acting Commissioner