

Bulk storage ordinance

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Overall, it looks like a lot of thought went into these ordinances and hopefully they will do some good, but I also see some clear weaknesses that need to be modified before this moves forward.

- 1.) The public does NOT trust these bulk handlers to report accurate readings from the required pollution monitors and someone in government and community should be monitoring the readings from time to time.
- 2.) The setbacks are ridiculous and these facilities will be allowed to be much too close to residences.
- 3.) It looks like lawyers or reps for KCBX wrote section 5 (page 5). What happened to the enclosures they were supposed to erect within 2 years?

Let's not continue to lock the barn after the horse has already bolted. Once those thick clouds of petcoke swirl into the neighborhood you cannot undo their damage. The point of all of this was supposed to prevent this thick black dust from becoming airborne in the first place.

I saw no mention of consequences when these companies violate these rules, so basically this is a toothless tiger. I also see no moratorium on additional petcoke facilities.

In addition, it is IMPERATIVE that a community watchdog group (Southeast Environmental Task Force) be given regular access to the readings from the pollution monitors at these local facilities. We certainly don't want the health of an entire region to be endangered because of a cover-up by the industry. What point is having all of these monitors if NO ONE outside of the company ever sees the readings? Leaving a notoriously greedy industrial giant to act "on their honor" in reporting their own violations is BEYOND STUPID! You need to address that blatant omission of adequate OUTSIDE monitoring IMMEDIATELY!

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