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Sent: Monday, January 27, 2014 12:54 PM
To: PetCokeComments
Subject: petcoke

Greetings:

I am a resident of the south side of Chicago not far from the petcoke sites, which I believe are unhealthy and not appropriate for close proximity to residential areas. Many of my neighbors feel that they should be moved to an industrial site far away from where people live. I heartily endorse the Environmental Justice Alliance statement regarding the petcoke issue; please see below.

Sincerely,

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The Environmental Justice Alliance of Greater SE Chicago was established in 2011 in response to the practice of locating polluting industry in the communities of the Southeast side. Our mission is to:

- ***Create a strong alliance between communities of the Southeast side of Chicago to combat the rising tide of environmental injustices***
- ***Address issues stemming from environmental injustices which negatively impact our communities***
- ***To engage residents, businesses and political leaders in improving environmental qualities and social justice within our communities***
- ***To promote and encourage sustainable development in an effort to initiate a "Green" Economy on Chicago's Southeast side.***

The EJ Alliance has thoroughly reviewed the language in the Proposed ordinance regarding "Air Pollution Control Proposed Rules and Regulations - For the handling & Storage of Bulk Material Piles"

While we acknowledge the initiation of this proposed language and ordinance we have deduced that the ordinance in its current state falls short in many ways in protecting the health and welfare of the residents and families of Chicago's Southeast side.

- ***We do not believe that the City of Chicago Department of Health has the adequate resources to monitor and enforce the provisions that have been prescribed, this would be better entrusted to the City's Department of Environment, which has been disbanded.***
- ***We are very concerned by the sole autonomy, authority and discretion being entrusting to the Commissioner of the Dept. of Health in this ordinance.***

- ***There is no language that addresses health concerns such as particulates, PM 2.5 that impact respiratory health.***
- ***The ordinance does not call for any public review or oversight.***
- ***The ordinance does not spell out ANY penalties or fines for infractions.***
- ***The ordinance does not call for a Health Assessment by the Agency for Toxic Substance & Disease Registry under the CDC; it should be noted, that Sen. Durbin, Congressman Kelly and the EJ Alliance of Greater Southeast Chicago have petitioned for this assessment.***
- ***The ordinance fails to address a city wide comprehensive plan ensuring the environmental protection and the environmental justice of its residents not only on the Southeast side, but across the entire city.***

Suppression of these materials have failed miserably in the past, we do not believe that enclosure will be sufficient to protect the residents of the Southeast side therefore, we believe the only way to ensure protection for our residents and families is by complete and total removal of these substances from Chicago's Southeast side. Thank you.