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**From:** Flennard Jordan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 8:00 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** RMG is a very good company to work for and pride it self on protecting our environment they stand behind there production and efforts to keep our environment safe and there neighbors safe and its workers. Thanks

[Warning: External email]

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**From:** Aguilera, Adilene [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 8:22 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

The permit should be revoked. You have not given the southeast side enough time to heal from past pollution. It is sad.

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**From:** Fefee, Makaia [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:01 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Makiaa Fefee. I am a Senior at George Washington High School. General Iron is negatively affecting our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to Reuters.com, the process that is needed to scrap metal for the iron companies contributes to climate change. There is also scientific evidence that's proves that any kind of factory will produce gasses into our ozone layer; contributing more to pollution and global warming. If you noticed it's December and we still haven't gotten any snow. And that's not common for us being in the Midwest. So do you really think it's best to build a new factory?

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**From:** Diaz, Jose [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:03 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Chemistry

[Warning: External email]

My name is Jose Diaz. I am a sophomore at George Washington High School. General Iron is harming our community. Therefore I believe that general Iron should not be built in our community. According to my research if a pipe is broken then they are risking people's lives. There is also scientific evidence from the EPA In Illinois that VOCs include a variety of organic chemicals, some of which may have harmful health effects and contribute to the formation of ground levels.

<https://www.epa.gov/il/general-iron>

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**From:** Anaya, Giovanni [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:12 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Giovanni Anaya. I am a sophomore at George Washington High School. General Iron is damaging our community. Therefore I believe General Iron should not be built in our community. According to Chlorine Gas Exposure at a Metal Recycling Facility --- California, 2010, this company being built can harm anybody just within proximity if there were to be even a small gas leak. There is also scientific evidence that in California on June 8, 2010, Chlorine Gas was released at one of the metal recycling facilities. 23 people were harmed including workers as well as customers, 13 of 15 people were outdoors for no longer than 30 minutes who were affected when this took place.

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**From:** Ruiz, Naidelin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:15 AM  
**To:** envcomments

[Warning: External email]

My name is Naidelin Ruiz. I am a sophomore at George Washington High School. General Iron is harmful to our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to Blockclubchicago.org , Those living near General Iron are at a greater risk of contracting COVID-19. This can affect people that have health problems. There is also scientific evidence that Air pollution can both increase risk of chronic illnesses. Chronic illness is heart disease, cancer, and diabetes are leading causes of death and disability in the United states. The main sources of pollution that are involved in the General Iron are particulate matter, ozone, sulfur dioxides, and nitrogen dioxide.

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**From:** Hughes, Amaya [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:18 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Amaya Hughes. I am a sophomore at George Washington High School. General iron is harmful to our community and polluting it. Therefore, I believe that general iron should not be built in our community. According to <https://www.epa.gov/il/general-iron> the shredder from general iron failed to install adequate air pollution controls. This means not only are they installing a machine that hurts the air but they aren't even trying to have it up to code where it will cause more pollution and cause more health issues that are dangerous to people in the community. There is also scientific evidence that the harmful organic chemical compound from these shredders will contribute to the formation of the ground level ozone.

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**From:** Chico, Elizabeth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:26 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron moving to the Southeast side of Chicago

[Warning: External email]

**My name is Elizabeth Chico. I am a sophomore at George Washington High School. General Iron is a danger to our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to the Chicago Tribune, in November 2020 they agreed to pay an \$18,000 fine and overhaul equipment to prevent more explosions and stop metallic pollution from drifting into surrounding neighborhoods. Five months before the May 2020 explosions, inspectors have cited General Iron for untreated emissions and the inspector described smelling “the pungent odor of sweet metal that burns my nostrils. The inspector also found shards of metal, glass and plastic on the sidewalk that by law should be dumped in a landfill. I feel General Iron knows the pollution it brings and they just pay their way out of fines or lawsuits to continue to operate. There is scientific evidence that when the pollution is high, people experience burning and itchy eyes and asthma. I was born visually impaired any pollution that affects my eyes would not be good for me or my community.**



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**From:** Lamas, Steven [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:30 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron Comment

[Warning: External email]

Dear General Iron

My name is Steven Lamas. I am a sophomore attending George Washington High School. General Iron is detrimental to our environment and community because it brings to George Washington and the residents an unhygienic, unsafe and unsightly site along with more energy consumption and pollution

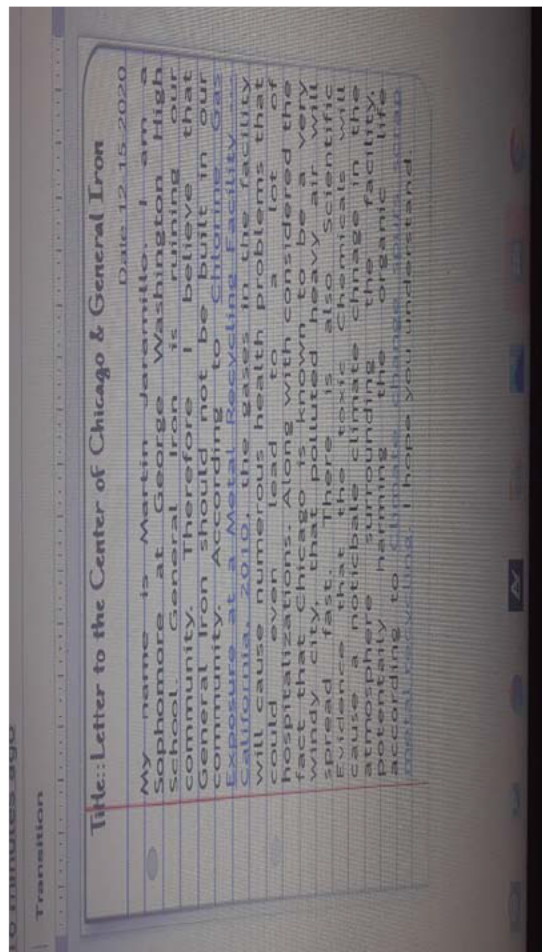
Therefore I believe that General Iron shouldn't be built in our community. According to the website [conserve-energy-future.com](https://www.conserve-energy-future.com) as it states "Recycling tons of garbage will require waste to be transported, sorted, cleaned and processed in separate factories, all of which need energy and may result in by-products that can pollute soil, air or water. Even vehicles that are employed to pick up recyclable products will also increase air pollution by releasing toxins that are all airborne." This supports my claim because it overviews how it feeds off energy and causes pollution.

There is also chemistry and scientific evidence to furthermore strengthen my claim in advance along with the information I gained from the website [sepa.org](https://www.sepa.org). Sulphur Dioxide and nitrogen oxide form acid rain and when it touches the plants they damage it and since plants and tree's release O<sub>2</sub> that means it's going to absorb harmful chemicals and release them. This piece of chemistry strengthens my claim because knowing this I'm assuming all the nasty chemicals combine together to form a dangerous molecule in which overtime it keeps on stacking the more you inhale this unhealthy air leading to issues and this is detrimental to the health of everyone that lives within the area knowing that this is a windy city it can plague and could possibly reach out side of the community itself and impact other and to prevent this I wrote my opinion to shed light in the perspective of chemistry and safety.

Other: [https://www.sepa.org.uk/media/120465/mtc\\_chem\\_of\\_air\\_pollution.pdf](https://www.sepa.org.uk/media/120465/mtc_chem_of_air_pollution.pdf)  
<https://www.conserve-energy-future.com/advantages-and-disadvantages-of-recycling.php>

**From:** Jaramillo, Martin  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:32 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

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**From:** Lamas, Steven [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:33 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

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**From:** De La Torre, Emmanuel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:37 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Emmanuel De La Torre .Im a sophomore at George Washington high school General Iron is going to be very harmful to our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to <https://www.epa.gov/il/general-iron>. There is also scientific evidence that General Iron has failed in installing air pollution control.” After review of the test results, EPA determined that VOC emissions from General Iron's shredder exceeded the allowable limits and General Iron failed to install adequate air pollution controls and obtain the correct air pollution permit.

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**From:** Ivan Muniz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:39 AM  
**To:** envcomments

[Warning: External email]

My name is Ivan Muniz. I am a sophomore at George Washington High School. General Iroh is damaging our community. Therefore I believe that General Iroh should not be built in our community. According to [https://www.sepa.org.uk/media/120465/mtc\\_chem\\_of\\_air\\_pollution.pdf](https://www.sepa.org.uk/media/120465/mtc_chem_of_air_pollution.pdf) air pollution occurs when certain gases and particles build up in the atmosphere to such levels that they can cause harm to our health. These pollutants tend to come from man made sources as well. There is also scientific evidence that that the primary pollutants (carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide, carbon dioxide, ect.) all come from factories such as General Iroh.

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**From:** Gomez, Jesus [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:47 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My Name is Jesus Gomez. I am a student  
At  
George Washington High School. General  
Iron is a danger to our  
community. Therefore I  
Believe that General Iron should not be  
built in our community. According to  
Chlorine Gas  
Exposure at a Metal Recycling Facility ---  
California, 2010. There is also scientific  
evidence that when chlorine gas was being  
released from a ruptured pipe, a total of 23  
persons were sent to the hospital because  
of the chlorine gas exposure. An accident  
like this can also happen with General Iron  
and we would just like to avoid accidents  
all together and not put our people at risk.



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**From:** Avila, Emmanuel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:49 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Irons

[Warning: External email]

My name is Emmanuel Avila .I am a student at George Washington high school. General Iron is harmful to our community . Therefore I believe general iron should not be built in our community . According to <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Danger-in-air-near-metal-recyclers-4154951.php> it states that "People were complaining about smoke, and it turns out there were carcinogenic metals,". This shows that the metals in the air could possibly bother people in the area because of a medical issue or the quality of the air.In <https://www.epa.gov/il/general-iron> it states that "The results of the metals emissions test from June 2018 indicate that several metal HAPs are present in the exhaust gases in detectable levels. The three highest metals measured were zinc, mercury and lead and were measured at emission rates of approximately 171 pounds per year" This scientific evidence shows



that pollution levels are higher than supposed to be and releases harmful chemicals and toxins in the air which is bad for the health and wellbeing of others.

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**From:** Ruvalcaba, Marissa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:52 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Marissa Ruvalcaba. I am a student at George Washington High School. General Iron is bad for our community because there is a school with more than a hundred students that can have asthma or health conditions and elders and toddlers around the community well that can affect them with the smoke from the General Iron. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to doctors they say it is really bad for because people with asthma but also bad for us because we are young. There is also scientific evidence that they say that with high levels of metal waste and pollutants in the lung linked to increased asthma severity. Iron build-up in the lung cells and tissue is associated with worse asthma symptoms and lower function, according to new research.

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**From:** Matthew C [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 2:44 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Matthew Connolly. I am a sophomore at George Washington High School. General Iron is harming our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to a SEPA research study. There is also scientific evidence that when smelting just aluminum scrap, 354,000 tons of carbon dioxide are released into the air and with the machinery they use it releases greenhouse gases such as Carbon Dioxide, Methane, Nitrous Oxide and Fluorinated Gases.

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**From:** Martinez, Esgardo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 2:54 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron Comment

[Warning: External email]

My name is Esgardo Martinez. I am a sophomore at George Washington High School. General Iron is going to hurt our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to google when I searched, "what chemicals come out of a scrap shredder". There is also scientific evidence that The pulverizing and **shredding** of **scrap** material can lead to the liberation of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) and nuisance odors. Specifically, ELVs and appliances which are not completely drained of refrigerant fluids can emit chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs).

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**From:** Martinez, Lizvette [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 2:55 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Lizvette Martinez. I am a junior at George Washington High School. General iron is harming our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to a study in Chicago, the air quality in our community is already poor quality air and adding general iron will make the air harmful and dangerous to breathe in. There is also scientific research that RMG facility is more than 2,000 feet equivalent of almost seven football fields away from the nearest residence. The distance doesnt help to reassure other people about this problem.

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**From:** Sosa- Cuevas, Adan [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 2:58 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Adan Sosa. I am a sophomore at George Washington high school. General iron is bad for our community. Therefore I believe that general iron should not be built in our community. According to the people that lived on the north side. There is also evidence that the new owners of a troubled North Side scrap shredder agreed Monday to pay an \$18,000 fine and overhaul equipment intended to prevent explosions and stop metallic pollution from drifting into surrounding neighborhoods.

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**From:** Medrano, Jocelyn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 2:58 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Jocelyn Medrano. I am a junior at George Washington high school. General Iron is not beneficial in our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should Not be build in our community. According to the research studied in California "chlorine gas was released from a ruptured, 1-ton, low-pressure tank being recycled at a California metal recycling facility. A total of 23 persons, including employees, customers, and workers at nearby businesses, were treated for the effects of the fumes at seven area hospitals." There is also scientific evidence in which shows that "When emergency medical services and fire department personnel arrived at the scene, they set up a decontamination area 200 yards north of the facility, where the majority of exposed persons were decontaminated by rinsing with water. Twenty-two of those exposed were then transported by ambulance (one person self-transported) to seven local hospitals where some were decontaminated again by removing clothing and washing with soap and water."

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**From:** Solis, Berenice [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:01 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Berenice Solis, I am a student at George Washington High School. General Iron is damaging our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to an article named Danger in air near metal recyclers (<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Danger-in-air-near-metal-recyclers-4154951.php>). There is also specific evidence about how bad it is for the environment. It says: The steel industry accounts for a fifth of the emissions from the recycling sector and it emits some 3-4 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, according to the International Iron and Steel Institute (IISI). With a rising global population -- forecast to reach 8.2 billion by 2030 from 6.7 billion now -- the generation of waste is increasing rapidly, offering big potential for recycling, which saves energy and helps reduce greenhouse gas production.



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**From:** Moyeda, Ashley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:05 PM  
**To:** envcomments

[Warning: External email]

**My name is Ashley moyeda. I am a student at George Washington high school. General Iron is a pollution and toxins into our community. Therefore I believe that general iron should not be built in our community. According to research , chlorine gas was released from a ruptured, 1-ton, low-pressure tank being recycled at a California metal recycling facility. There is also scientific evidence that A total of 23 persons, including employees, customers, and workers at nearby businesses, were treated for the effects of the fumes at seven area hospitals.**

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**From:** Gallegos, Mariela [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:08 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron comment

[Warning: External email]

My name is Mariela Gallegos. I am a sophomore at George Washington High School. General Iron is harming our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to the article "Chlorine Gas Exposure at a Metal Recycling Facility -- California, 2010" They state what had happened to the Metal Recycling Facility. There is also scientific evidence that there was chemicals such as chlorine gas that was released from an explosion. This explosion of gas harmed the employees that work in that facility and also people around the place. The reason this building that is moving into our community is not safe is because we don't even know if this could cause something harmful to the surroundings. For example let's say if the explosion ever gets to happen in this community it will cause so much damage to people around, especially students in the high school building. I care for others' health and mine especially, that's why I care about what's going to get built in my community.

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**From:** Ortiz, Victor [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:11 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** general iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Victor Ortiz. I am junior at George Washington High School. General Iron is harming our community. Therefore I believe General Iron shouldn't be built in our community. According to <https://education.seattlepi.com/environmental-problems-associated-recycling-aluminum-5736.html> melting metals is the way air pollution is create. There is also specific evidence that supports melting furans, dioxide, hydrogen chloride and particulate matter causes health problems liver damage, certain type of cancers, skin disorders, and neurological problems and immune system impairment.

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**From:** Salas, Karen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:12 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

My name is Karen Salas. I am a Sophomore at George Washington High School. General Iron is harming our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to "Houston Chronicle" General Iron produces air pollution that can be harmful for kids and adults near the site. There is also scientific evidence that shows "The smoke comes from cutting metal with torches and from fire when vehicle gas tanks aren't drained properly." Therefore, becoming a harmful environment for people to settle and start families. Please take into consideration all that is being said and evaluate the pro and cons of permitting General Iron to take place on the southeast side of Chicago.

Thank you for your time,

Karen Salas

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**From:** Cammy Defino [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:13 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Southside Recycling Project

[Warning: External email]

To Whom It May Concern,

The Southside Recycling Project will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers.

Regards,

***Cammy Defino***

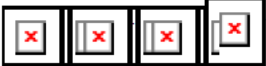


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**From:** Garcia-Sanchez, Samantha [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Samantha Garcia. I am a Sophomore at George Washington High School. General Iron is Harming our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to Chlorine Gas Exposure at a Metal Recycling, Facility.. There is also scientific evidence that a total of 23 persons, including employees were treated for the effects of the fumes. Chlorine is a green-yellow gas that is heavier than air and can cause severe respiratory damage.

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**From:** Esquivel, Jocelyn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:18 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Jocelyn Esquivel. I am a student at George Washington High school. General iron is threatening our community. Therefore I believe that General iron should not be built in our community. According to <https://education.seattlepi.com/environmental-problems-associated-recycling-aluminum-5736.html> Even though recycling is good, recycling aluminum produces many toxic chemicals that can be released into the air and aluminum produces a waste product called dross, that is highly toxic and has to be buried in landfills.

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**From:** Rivera, Jasmine [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 5:23 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Jasmine Rivera. I am a sophomore at George Washington High School. General Iron is a toxic thing to have in our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (<https://www.epa.gov/il/general-iron>). There is also scientific evidence that the emissions were most likely caused by air pollution and that the metal samplings did cause something unknown to a chemical, indicating that it's not good for the environment.



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**From:** Galvan, Efrain [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:27 PM  
**To:** envcomments

[Warning: External email]

My name is Efrain Galvan. I am a Student at George Washington High School. General Iron is in my opinion not required in our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6028a3.htm> . There is also scientific evidence that the metal when broken down it release chemicals in the air Making it hard to breathe.

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**From:** Rivera, Gianna [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:28 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Gianna Rivera. I am a Student at George Washington High School. General iron is endangering our community. Therefore i believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to <https://education.seattlepi.com/environmental-problems-associated-recycling-aluminum-5736.html> . There is also scientific evidence that “The smelting process releases furans, dioxides, hydrogen chloride and particulate matter. Furans may be one of the worst toxic pollutants in the air. They are known to cause many health problems in humans, including liver damage, certain types of cancer, skin disorders, neurological problems and immune system impairment.”

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**From:** Arias, Diego [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 3:41 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron  
**Attachments:** IMG\_1321.jpeg

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# General Iron Comment

My name is Diego Arias. I am a sophomore at George Washington High School. General Iron is harming our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to a human health article and a website called American plating company. There is also scientific evidence that when the metal is being recycled there a process called Corrosion that is when the metal is getting rusty it starts having this thing called Oxidation this happens because the electrons move from the metal to the oxygen particles in the air. And this is bad because Oxidation can harm us by promotes inflammation in arthritis and asthma and causes infertility. The way it gets to us is by the Oxidation goes in the oxygen and we breath that oxygen.

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**From:** Pastor Richard L. Martinez, Jr. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 4:15 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Fwd: General Iron

[Warning: External email]

The Southeast side of Chicago has a rich industrial history. Many of our great grandparents, grandparents and parents labored in the steel mills that produced the steel that helped to build this city. That industry helped to build a great blue collar, middle class in this part of the city. Unfortunately, those companies and that industry abandoned our community and city. Why? You'd have to ask those companies or those elected officials who sold out our middle class and shipped those jobs overseas. In the wake of that abandonment thirty and forty years ago, we have been left with thousands of acres of abandoned and contaminated land as well as severe health issues such as high rates of cancer, heart disease and asthma.

For the last ten years I have worked directly with the community in beating back dirty industry, bad corporate citizens and polluters. By God's grace, divine intervention & the efforts of a great community effort, we were able to beat back and defeat a coal gasification plant from being built just west of George Washington high school; we then had to fight proposed landfill expansions; then "Petcoke" which resulted in a non-binding referendum with over 80% approval to ban petcoke, and a class action lawsuit against the KCBX and BP, which resulted in a nearly \$1million dollar settlement with the community. Thereafter, we had to contend with the exorbitant levels of manganese in our community emitted by SH Bell.

As a community we want positive economic development, job creation and good paying middle class jobs, but we want industry that will bless our environment, our health and the community and not curse it. As a result of this, several community organizations banded together to create principles to safeguard our community as well as put all future development and developers on notice; we created the "***Southeast Chicago Environmental Justice Principles***" which incorporates Environmental, & Justice (Executive Order 12898) as well as community participation and equitable benefits.

Our current battle is against General Iron and their attempt to move their existing operations from the affluent Lincoln Park neighborhood where they have been driven out by those residents.

Our community has spoken loud and clear since 2018 that we do not want General Iron in our community.

General Iron is a known and documented violator and polluter. They have put their existing community and their own employees in danger with explosions and fires at their facility. Who in their right mind and what community would want a company like this?

The residents and families of Chicago's Southeast side have made it known and clear that General Iron is not welcome. The community has spoken loud and clear during the Illinois EPA permitting process and during the city's Zoom public hearing in July. The response has been unanimous and adamant, **No to General Iron!** Yet the city claims to have an "agreement" with General Iron/RMG. As far as I am concerned, that agreement is "null and void" because the community did not agree to this.

Why have our elected officials both the Mayor and Alderman, who are supposed to protect our community & residents, disrespected our unanimous voice? You will have to ask them. Do Lobbyists and political campaign contributions trump the voice of the taxpayers, property owners, stakeholders, residents and families of our community?

As a father of five children, God has made me a protector, as a Pastor, Jesus has granted me wisdom and discernment to warn the people of "wolves" who seek to harm and destroy. We have a collective duty, obligation and responsibility to protect the most vulnerable of our community, our senior citizens and children. As a result, we say a collective "**NO**" to General Iron and that General Iron is "**persona non grata**" on Chicago's Southeast side.

Richard L. Martinez, Jr.  
Pastor, Nehemiah Family Fellowship Church  
Chair, Nehemiah Leaders  
Chair, 4th District Police Clergy Committee  
Member, National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference  
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Nehemiah Family Fellowship Church  
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**From:** SYEDKHAJA MOHIUDDIN [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 11:25 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** RMG Reserve amangement Group

[Warning: External email]

whom so ever it may concern

Please be adviae we support RMG,  
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**From:** Giuliana Molinaro [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 11:32 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** RMG/General Iron

[Warning: External email]

Good morning reader,

My name is Giuliana Molinaro. My family is from the 10th Ward on Chicago's Southeast Side. I am writing to express my strong opposition to approval of the final permit for General Iron to run a massive, eye-sore of an environmentally hazardous site near 116th street and Avenue O. This is across the street from where I took my drivers ed, played in the summers and ice-skated in the winters, opened my first checking account, and from where my aging parents still walk and make their weekly grocery runs.

I realize that the city's argument for this approval is that RMG is a different operating manager and the environmental standards are high enough to ensure our resident's safety. For anyone in the 10th Ward to take such an outlandish claim seriously, the city would have to first establish some semblance of trust that you are concerned with the quality of life of our residents, and not trying to pull the wool over our eyes. Not only does a brutal history of mass pollution undermine any potential for a pre-established level of trust, the way you've handled this process is further evidence that this operating permit is in the best interest of yourselves and the residents you prioritize who live far from here and are thus immune to the consequences of this operation. Time, transparency, and collaboration have not been bastions of this process. In fact, Lori Lightfoot herself gaslighted us live in a virtual town hall before the final permit was proposed, saying that our residents' have a "gross misconception" of what's happening. GI was just moving all their stuff... and here we are one permit away from operation. Much about this situation is "gross" and I guarantee its not a misconception on our part.

At a minimum, you could substantiate your claims of acceptable regulation. Estimates of the harder to detect and more dangerous PM2.5 need be thoroughly assessed and made transparent. I already can't walk my neighborhood without sharing the air with semi-truck after semi-truck. Increased traffic and the air pollution it will create need be thoroughly assessed and made transparent. As far as I understand, air pollution monitors at the nearby school already report numbers considered unacceptable according to the World Health Organization. It means little that city organizations will be aware when those numbers deteriorate if you're willing to exacerbate an already big enough problem with this move/permit in the first place. Block Club Chicago reported that GI had an explosion as recently as May, on top of an abundance of citations and complaints from their time in Lincoln Park. What's the definition of insanity? The City of Chicago trying to persuade 10th Ward residents that RMG/GI is safe and creating good jobs for us.

And if it were safe, why does it have to move from Lincoln Park at all? This is not the type of industry our neighborhood wants or deserves after such a troubled history with pollution. We do have a blank slate of opportunity since we've been overlooked for development all this time. Residents gather, ideate, and dream of what it could be. It would be a great service for you to consider the needs and voices of community members before bulldozing through another health and civil rights atrocity.

That said, for myself it's too late for you to substantiate claims of acceptable regulation.

Instead, I'm demanding:

- The city DENY the Special Use Permit for RMG/GI in my neighborhood.
- The Dept. of Public Health act in the best interest of our public health (amidst a respiratory pandemic) and DENY the Special Use Permit for RMG/GI in my neighborhood.
- The city act in compliance with the Fair Housing Act and thus not only DENY the Special Use Permit for RMG/GI in my neighborhood, but also put a moratorium on polluting industries in this zone.
- Enforce air regulations in line with World Health Organization standards.

My father already worked in the steel mills. My mother fought against petcoke. Three of five members of my immediate family suffer from sever asthma. I'll never forget the breathing assistant my parents would routinely pull out for my brother,



and the inhalers littered around our house and cars. Enough is enough. Work for your people. Take a walk in 10th ward shoes, see the beauty, and support our right to life.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,

Giuliana Molinaro

Chicago, IL  
60617

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**From:** Joyce Alpert [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 1:17 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Cc:** 'Joyce Alpert'  
**Subject:** ATTACHED COMMENTS

[Warning: External email]

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RMG TAKES ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO THE ENVIRONMENT SERIOUSLY.  
THEY HAVE INVESTED IN MEASURES THAT MEET OR EXCEED ALL  
ENVIIRONMENTAL STANDARDS.  
TRULY COMMITED TO BEING STEWARDS OF THE ENVIROMENT.  
IN BUSINESS FOR 30 YEARS. AND SUPPOT CHICAGO FOOD PANTRY.

THANK YOU  
BADE/VALDES SUPPY CO.  
667 CHADDICK DR.  
WHEELING, IL 60090

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**From:** Melissa Hynds [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 1:19 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** I stand behind RMG

[Warning: External email]

I am writing in support of RMG's metal recycling plant on the south side. They have displayed their commitment to safety and the highest standards in pollution control. Their state of the art operation is part of our national goal to recycle in an effort to minimize waste and improve the environment. The location is in an already industrialized zone and measures have been taken to have a minimal impact to the community. Between jobs and tax revenue, it will be beneficial in an area that would otherwise go unused. I would welcome the business in my own community! As a south sider, I know how much unused land is available. Currently, an Amazon warehouse is being built in my neighborhood. While the jobs and tax revenue are much needed, Amazon is a huge company threatening small businesses across the country. RMG does not share this conflict and poses no threat to small businesses. For these reasons, I stand behind RMG.

Melissa Hynds  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Garcia-Sanchez, Samantha [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Samantha Garcia. I am a Sophomore at George Washington High School. General Iron is Harming our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to Chlorine Gas Exposure at a Metal Recycling, Facility.. There is also scientific evidence that a total of 23 persons, including employees were treated for the effects of the fumes. Chlorine is a green-yellow gas that is heavier than air and can cause severe respiratory damage.

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**From:** Thomas Stoodt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 3:19 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on RMG application to expand a recycling facility

[Warning: External email]

The Rules for Large Recycling Facilities in paragraph 3.10.3.2 call for applicant to provide a health and safety plan that includes all job hazard assessments and a description of the OSHA required safety devices.

The application section page O-1 has almost nothing specific and zero details on how they plan to address hazards that are well described in OSHA document **OSHA 3348-05 Guidance for the Identification and Control of Safety and Health Hazards in Metal Scrap Recycling**. This is a glaring omission. Details are needed for each process step of the operation that involves employees. What protections are provided to visitors to the site? This is almost a complete blank.

Regards,

Tom Stoodt

## Comments on RMG application to expand a recycling facility

Thomas Stoodt [REDACTED]

Wed 12/16/2020 3:30 PM

To: envcomments <envcomments@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

On Page O-1 They state:

General III, LLC, will conduct an air monitoring evaluation at the commencement of its operations to determine if its needs to implement OSHA 29 1910.134; Respiratory Protection Program.

This should not be an "if". They should include their current plan in the application. This is not a new company, but an experienced one with many existing operations. See **OSHA 3348-05 Guidance for the Identification and Control of Safety and Health Hazards in Metal Scrap Recycling**. According to this document:

"Many employees are employed by scrap metal recycling industries. Private, nonferrous recycling industries in the U.S. employed approximately 16,000 employees in 2001.<sup>1</sup> (Figures were not available for ferrous recycling industries.) In 2001, those nonferrous recycling industries reported approximately 3,000 injuries and illnesses. The most common causes of illness were poisoning (e.g., lead or cadmium poisoning), disorders associated with repeated trauma, skin diseases or disorders, and respiratory conditions due to inhalation of, or other contact with, toxic agents. Of those injuries and illnesses, 701 cases involved days away from work. The most common events or exposures leading to these cases were contact with an object or piece of equipment; overextension; and exposure to a harmful substance."

Regards,

Tom Stoodt

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**From:** Thomas Stoodt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 3:57 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on RMG application to expand a recycling facility

[Warning: External email]

Page W-4 references employee training but is lacking in detail. Other than identifying materials that require special handling, all employees need job safety training that will educate them on the hazards and potential chemical exposures. See **OSHA 3348-05 Guidance for the Identification and Control of Safety and Health Hazards in Metal Scrap Recycling**. Where does an employee go to find MSDS sheets or report a potential exposure to harmful chemicals?

Regards,

Tom Stoodt

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**From:** Thomas Stoodt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 4:24 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on RMG application to expand a recycling facility

[Warning: External email]

Page V-57 has this statement:

A separate air dispersion modeling assessment of emissions of Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAP) metals (antimony, arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, lead, manganese, nickel, and selenium) was prepared and submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and later submitted to CDPH, shows that there were no predicted ambient metal HAP concentrations that exceeded relevant acute or chronic health screening limits.

This essential information and the air dispersion study are not included in the application and can't be reviewed by the public. The complete study report should be included as an Attachment. According to Page 15 of the Rules:

Permit applications shall contain Documentation sufficient to Demonstrate that the Facility is designed and will be operated in a manner that protects public health, safety, and the environment. Documentation submitted to other regulatory agencies, such as the EPA, IEPA, the MWRD, and other City departments, relating to the construction or operation of a waste facility, a Recycling Facility, a discharge source, or an emission source must be included in the application as an Attachment and referenced in the application.

Regards,

Tom Stoodt



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**From:** Thomas Stoodt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 5:24 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on RMG application to expand a recycling facility

[Warning: External email]

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#### 4.1 Metal Sampling

Southside Recycling will use the gravimetric sample from annual calibration of the nephelometer for metals evaluation. After determining the mass of PM<sub>10</sub> on the filter, required for development of a site-specific PM<sub>10</sub> correlation factor, the filter will be submitted to a qualified laboratory for metals analysis in accordance with USEPA approved methods. The results of the metals analysis will be reported in units of ug/m<sup>3</sup> and compared against the acceptable metal standards identified in the Metals Modeling Report.

*HAPs in the modeling study:* antimony, arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, lead, manganese, nickel, and selenium compounds.

Comment: The reporting procedures should be made more specific, similar to the data reported to the city and described in paragraph 2.5 on page V-59.

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**From:** Fernando Serrano [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 8:21 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron Permit

[Warning: External email]

Esta será la instalación de reciclaje más moderna de todo el Medio Oeste. Si a esta instalación se le niega un permiso, todo el reciclaje irá a otras instalaciones, que no tienen ninguno de los controles ambientales que utilizará Southside Recycling. Esta nueva instalación debería ser adoptada por Chicago y sus recicladores de metales

-Fernando Serrano

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**From:** Azucena Corral [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 9:10 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern,

“Southside Recycling will be the safest, most environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago. It will create good jobs and can help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations.”

“Metal recycling is good for the Earth and good for Chicago. We know that RMG cares about doing the right thing and we are confident that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community.”

Please let after the year we had and continue to have let the people keep their jobs and create new ones. Don't take their hopes.

Thank you for your time.

Azucena Corral

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**From:** Alejandra Serrano [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 9:23 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** RMG

[Warning: External email]

RMG has been a community-conscious South Side business for more than 30 years. They have always been good neighbors and are proud to support the Southeast Side of Chicago Food Pantry which operates on their property.

-Alejandra Serrano

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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**From:** Lucy Libreri [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2020 9:24 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** RMG

[Warning: External email]

Metal recycling is good for the Earth and good for Chicago. We know that RMG cares about doing the right thing and we are confident that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Christopher Higgins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2020 8:49 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Deny General Iron | RMG's Permit for Southeast

[Warning: External email]

Dear City of Chicago and Department of Public Health:

I'm a current neighbor of General Iron, now RMG, on the city's Northside. I know first hand that this company, its leaders and its equipment do not belong in my neighborhood on the Northside and they most certainly do not belong on the Southeast side.

That's why I request that you DENY General Iron | RMG's request for the final permit to operate in Southeast Chicago.

Despite the promises that have been made to the city, they will not be kept. Just look at General Iron and RMG's record over the years: multiple fires, explosions, building violations, OSHA violations. The U.S. EPA—under Donald Trump no less—has found General Iron's actions to be so egregious that it forced the company into a legally binding consent order. And even that is violated again and again.

Numerous false arguments have been made that this is a new company, with new equipment and a new name. The facts are just the opposite: the problematic equipment from the Northside that caused two explosions is being moved to the Southeast side; the same leaders here will be in charge there; the same family that has owned the Northside operation still owns a massive stake in the company; and the company is actually the same one since RMG purchased General Iron last year and operates the northside facility!

Again, the city has ample evidence and resident support to deny this permit. No resident should have to sacrifice their health for economic opportunity - especially residents on the Southeast side.

Sincerely,

Chicago Resident

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** James Lease [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2020 10:10 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Support of RMG

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern-

I wanted to share my support for RMG! RMG takes its responsibility to the environment seriously. They have invested in measures that meet or exceed all environmental standards. They are truly committed to being stewards of the environment.

Metal recycling is good for the Earth and good for Chicago. We know that RMG cares about doing the right thing and we are confident that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community.

I believe they are being unfairly delayed and portrayed in a very unfair light. Please recognize that there is strong support for companies like RMG!

Sincerely,

James Lease

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**From:** Thomas Stoodt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2020 11:27 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on RMG application to expand a recycling facility

[Warning: External email]

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*HAPs in the modeling study:* antimony, arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, lead, manganese, nickel, and selenium compounds.

Comment:

The application should include the name of the analytical method to be used for determining these levels and also the range and expected accuracy. Also it should be noted what levels would dictate the need to report to CDPH.

For these known hazardous metals, the frequency of sampling and analysis appears to be insufficient. Right now the Rules call for this:

The concentrations of the metals shall be evaluated at least once every permit term, or in conjunction with all scheduled nephelometer site- specific calibrations in 3.9.21.3, whichever time period is shorter.

The time between evaluation should be provided in estimated days. The sampling should be done during the normal hours of the facility operation. There are a lot of missing details which cast doubt on the accuracy and usefulness of this sampling. Is sampling at ground level? Will samples be synchronized and/or compared to the air monitoring station at Washington High School?



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**From:** Paul Kordahi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2020 1:15 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** RMG - new location

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

I'm emailing you today to share my opinion about RMG recycling business. Over the years, I've had my fair amount of travel and have seen multiple locations where RMG operate its recycling and scrap services. I've also seen other companies operating and, hands down, RMG is one of the few companies where the owners, management, leadership and labor teams all come together and prioritize safety plus they do their best to make sure all environmental standards are met and exceeded.

Any place where RMG has operated, they have respected the laws that different states enforces over businesses and they have always worked on improving the operations while meeting any safety and environmental standards.

I am positive that South shore won't only create more jobs and opportunities during the pandemic that we're going through, but as well, it will be one of the most environmental friendly recycling facilities that puts the safety of their teams firsthand.

Much appreciated,  
Paul Kordahi

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2020 1:19 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** RMG Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

RMG has been a community-conscious South Side business for more than 30 years. They have always been good neighbors and are proud to support the Southeast Side of Chicago Food Pantry which operates on their property." Please don't leave people with no jobs.

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**From:** Maria Lupercio [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2020 1:37 PM  
**To:** envcomments

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern,

Southside Recycling will be the safest, most environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago. It will create good jobs and can help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations.”

“Metal recycling is good for the Earth and good for Chicago. We know that RMG cares about doing the right thing and we are confident that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community.” please keep an open mind before making a final decision and also consider about how many people will be out of work if you don't improve the permit.

Thanks

Maria

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**From:** Todd Dery [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Reserve Management Group/Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

To Whom it May Concern:

As someone in the metal/aluminum business, I know just how important recycling is. Metal recycling is good for the planet and good for the city of Chicago, which I love so much. I know that RMG cares about doing the right thing. These are good people who put thousands of hard working people to work all over the country, but the roots have always been in Chicagoland. Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive part of the community.

Thank you  
Todd Dery

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**From:** Davina M Anderson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2020 8:29 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Fresh Air

[Warning: External email]

We are not a dumping ground. It's a racist move! Stop it!

Keep this iron works where it is!

Davina-Dvine1

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**From:** Chavez, Giovanni [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2020 8:52 AM  
**To:** envcomments

[Warning: External email]

My name is giovanni chavez and i'm a sophomore at George Washington high school. General iron is bad for our community . Therefore I believe that general iron should not be built in our community. According to an article I found General Iron Industries is a scrap metal recycling company it shreds and recycles 750,000 tons of metal each year, much of it from cars, trucks and buses. Generals that can hurt our environment. the air of the metal get shredded can cause lung problems for a lot of people and that bad so i say then shouldn't build one near us

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**From:** KECS Block Club [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2020 8:57 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

I live close to the area where General Iron is being relocated to and feel it is an environmental threat to the community. It is also a racial injustice that after many fine/violations it is being moved from across town to our area.

There are already environmental concerns and noise level concerns for some of the businesses in the area. We want our community to be beautiful and thriving just like the north side of Chicago.

General Iron should be closed down and if not must find another side of town to go to other than the south or west side of Chicago!

Respectfully,

Renee Nowlin  
KECS Block Club Association

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"Be the change you want to see"

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**From:** Oseguera, Alejandro [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2020 9:21 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Alejandro Oseguera. I am a student at George Washington High School. General Iron is endangering the people in our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to General Iron Deal Spurs Debate About Land Use, Air Quality there is scientific evidence that this could cause many people problems "It's a health hazard to the neighborhood," Hopkins says and clearly nobody desires this company "Don't send us a company that nobody else wants," Garza said.



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**From:** Lisa Jones [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2020 9:44 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** SUPPORT RMG!!!

[Warning: External email]

I SUPPORT RMG!! THIS IS GREAT FOR OUR ENVIROMENT AND ALSO OPENS MANY JOBS TO THE PEOPLE OF CHICAGO.  
I SUPPORT THIS COMPANY AND THIS PROJECT!!  
METAL RECYCLING IS GOOD FOR THE EARTH AND GOOD FOR CHICAGO. I KNOW THAT RMG CARES ABOUT DOING THE  
RIGHT THING AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT SOUTHSIDE RECYCLING WILL BE SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE NEIGHBOR IN THE  
COMMUNITY

[lisa.jones@imhlifts.com](mailto:lisa.jones@imhlifts.com)

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**From:** Sylvia Munoz [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2020 9:55 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** DONT SUPPORT GENERAL IRON

[Warning: External email]

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a resident of the East side community and I DO NOT SUPPORT the GENERAL IRON moving to my neighborhood. It seems unfair that you will allow this action knowing that the reason they are moving is because it's causing harm to the Lincoln Park community. As such, it will have the same or an even greater effect given that our community is the majority senior citizens and students attending school. General Iron has a history of air pollution violations. We're tired of being the dumping ground for the City.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Munoz  
[REDACTED]

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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**From:** Reynolds, Ben [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2020 12:58 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** RMG/Southside Recycling Support

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to support Reserve Management Groups Southside Recycling project. We have been long term partners with General Iron/General Metals and Reserve Management, and they are in our top tier of supplier regarding community and environmental conscientiousness. The proposed plant will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, metal flow will shift to other facilities with lower/lest strenuous standards. It is my opinion that the new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Ben Reynolds**  
**SIC Recycling**  
**2200 Overpass Rd | Riverton IL 62561**  
[BReynolds@sicrecycling.com](mailto:BReynolds@sicrecycling.com)  
513.633.8781

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**From:** Quijano, Hailie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2020 2:18 PM  
**To:** envcomments

[Warning: External email]

My name is Hailie Quijano. I am a Sophomore at George Washington High School. General iron is hurting our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community. According to [epa.gov](https://www.epa.gov) VOCs include a variety of organic chemicals, some of which may have harmful health effects and contribute to the formation of ground level ozone.

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Hailie Quijano  
student  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Rivera, Jasmine [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2020 4:38 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

My name is Jasmine Rivera. I am a sophomore at George Washington High School. General Iron is a toxic thing to have in our community. Therefore I believe that General Iron should not be built in our community according to United States Environmental Protection ( <https://www.epa.gov/il/general-iron> )Agency. There is also scientific evidence that the emissions was most likely caused but the air pollution and that the metal samplings did cause something unknown to a chemical, it indicates that it's not well for the environment as it stated on the website.

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**From:** Mia Nungaray [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2020 2:55 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron Response  
**Attachments:** General Iron Response

[Warning: External email]

My name is mine Mia Nungaray. I am sophomore at George Washington High school. General Iron is Damage to our community. Therefore i believe that general iron should not be built in our community according to me, General iron can damage our community by putting people in danger such as health issues. There is also scientific evidence that VOCs include a variety of organic chemicals, some of which may have harmful health effects and contribute to the formation of ground level ozone.

Credits

[EPA in Illinois-General Iron](#)

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**From:** Mia Nungaray [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2020 3:02 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron Responce  
**Attachments:** General Iron Responce

[Warning: External email]



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Credits

[EPA in Illinois-General Iron](#)

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**From:** Jim Olson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2020 3:07 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Rusty Manning  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for RMG Southside Recycling facility  
**Attachments:** Riverside Engineering Letter of Support for RMG 20201218.pdf

[Warning: External email]

To the City of Chicago:

My name is Jim Olson, CEO of Riverside Engineering, and I am writing to express my support for Reserve Management Group (RMG) and the construction of the Southside Recycling facility at 11600 S. Burley Avenue on the Southeast Side of Chicago.

Our company has a decades long relationship with General Iron and is actively engaged in metal scrap recycling. Southside Recycling and RMG play an essential role in helping local government manage their needs and responsibilities by providing a critical outlet for the recyclable materials generated within the community, without which these valuable commodities would build up and not only be lost for critical supply to manufacturers, but end up wrongfully in the waste stream.

Riverside Engineering, with RMG and Southside Recycling, are proud to be a key component in the supply chain for scrap recycling. The critically important manufacturing of Steel, Aluminum and Copper are dependent on RMG to provide essential feedstock for their operations.

Riverside's business success is dependent upon companies like RMG. Our company's manufacturing, fabrication and assembly of capital equipment for the recycling industry is predominately done in Chicago. This manufacturing employs hundreds of quality, blue-collar jobs within miles of the new RMG Southside facility.

Based on my observations, RMG operations are run to the highest standards of environmental compliance. They adhere to regulations and take all possible steps to be a good member of the community. These good neighbor policies have included advanced emissions control, roadways and surfaces regularly swept and watered, and RMG employees enforcing low speed yard traffic at their facility to reduce dust being kicked up from the ground.

Further, it is my understanding that the proposed new facility will have even more comprehensive pollution controls and monitoring than the current operation or similar recycling businesses.

Given this commitment to environmental responsibility and the role they play in a nationally critical manufacturing sector, I want to provide my full support for Reserve Management Group and Southside Recycling.

Sincerely,

Jim Olson, CEO, Riverside Engineering



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December 18, 2020

To the City of Chicago:

My name is Jim Olson, CEO of Riverside Engineering, and I am writing to express my support for Reserve Management Group (RMG) and the construction of the Southside Recycling facility at 11600 S. Burley Avenue on the Southeast Side of Chicago.

Our company has a decades long relationship with General Iron and is actively engaged in metal scrap recycling. Southside Recycling and RMG play an essential role in helping local government manage their needs and responsibilities by providing a critical outlet for the recyclable materials generated within the community, without which these valuable commodities would build up and not only be lost for critical supply to manufacturers, but end up wrongfully in the waste stream.

Riverside Engineering, with RMG and Southside Recycling, are proud to be a key component in the supply chain for scrap recycling. The critically important manufacturing of Steel, Aluminum and Copper are dependent on RMG to provide essential feedstock for their operations.

Riverside's business success is dependent upon companies like RMG. Our company's manufacturing, fabrication and assembly of capital equipment for the recycling industry is predominately done in Chicago. This manufacturing employs hundreds of quality, blue-collar jobs within miles of the new RMG Southside facility.

Based on my observations, RMG operations are run to the highest standards of environmental compliance. They adhere to regulations and take all possible steps to be a good member of the community. These good neighbor policies have included advanced emissions control, roadways and surfaces regularly swept and watered, and RMG employees enforcing low speed yard traffic at their facility to reduce dust being kicked up from the ground.

Further, it is my understanding that the proposed new facility will have even more comprehensive pollution controls and monitoring than the current operation or similar recycling businesses.

Given this commitment to environmental responsibility and the role they play in a nationally critical manufacturing sector, I want to provide my full support for Reserve Management Group and Southside Recycling.

Sincerely,



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Jim Olson, CEO, Riverside Engineering

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**From:** Hernandez, Angel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2020 3:12 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

Hello, My name is Angel Hernandez. I am a Sophomore at George Washington High School. I believe that General Iron is beneficial to our community. Theodore I believe that General Iron should be built on our community. Building these facilities could bring in more jobs & boost our neighborhood's economy. Also according to these articles. It states the reasoning as to why metal recycling is useful.

<https://www.fairsalvage.com/4-advantages-of-recycling-metals.html> ,  
[http://www.calgarymetal.com/blog/benefits\\_of\\_scrap\\_metal\\_recycling/](http://www.calgarymetal.com/blog/benefits_of_scrap_metal_recycling/) , <https://earth911.com/recycling-guide/how-to-recycle-metal/>

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**From:** Aetna Truck Parts [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 18, 2020 4:41 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** RESERVE MANAGEMENT GROUP / Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

I wanted to send my thoughts on the Reserve Management Group and their updated modern facility that is being constructed on the southside of Chicago - Southside Recycling.

I have worked with RMG for 10+ years and have gotten to know the company and many employees quite well. I have also spoken with them at length about their new facility as they were constructing it.

Every single employee I have spoken with has taken pride in how meticulous RMG has been in making sure the new facility will be a gold standard in the industry. They know the facility will be extremely modern, environmentally responsible, and safe for both the employees who work there and the local neighbors.

The people I spoke to are the ones who will be there every day. They know that their health and safety will be in good hands with the new Southside Recycling facility.

Many of the people I speak to on a regular basis have previously worked at other facility where dollars and cents are far more important than worker safety, environmental standards, and community relations. They know that RMG is different, and If RMG is denied their permit, all the recycling products will be diverted to the very facilities that focus on money at the expense of everything else. This would be an absolute shame.

RMG has an opportunity here to change the paradigm in their industry - scrap and recycling has long been viewed as a dirty and waste filled industry. They are working extremely hard to prove that is can be done cleanly and responsibly. They will create jobs, recycle metal in an environmentally friendly way, and show the rest of the industry how things should and can be done from now on.

RMG's advanced facility is a great thing for Chicago and the south side in particular. To deny them their permit would hurt us all in the long run. I strongly support all of their efforts, and I hope that you will see that they will be a beacon for all other facilities moving forward.

Thank you,

Gai Walny

Vice President,  
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**From:** Andrew Katsoulis [REDACTED]@akatscrap.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 19, 2020 10:34 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General iron

[Warning: External email]

General Iron is the cleanest running scrap company operating, let them open their new facility.

It is good for the city, the environment, and the world really.

Thanks.

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**From:** msilver [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 19, 2020 4:07 PM  
**To:** envcomments; Reserve General  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

As a recycling yard that sells General Iron for 45 years I support their move. Their new facility is state of the art equipment in our industry. The location will also support local business with the hundreds of trucks bringing in reyclables each day. Mark Silver, The Sulver Group

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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**From:** Kyle Weisner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 20, 2020 8:55 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

To Whom it may concern:

Recently, there has been a lot in the news about General Iron and its new owner, RMG, moving their operations to the southeast side of Chicago and opening up Southside Recycling. I fear, unfortunately, that you are hearing only one side of the story.

Metal recycling is good for the Earth and good for Chicago. Companies like RMG and Southside Recycling clean up the streets of Chicago by recycling metal that would otherwise be discarded in alleys and leaking fluids on the sides of the road. Right now, metal prices are good and everybody is buying. Not that long ago, though, at the start of Covid, metal prices were extremely depressed and the "little" guys weren't accepting scrap metal. But, General Iron and RMG continued servicing their communities by accepting and recycling metals that would have been left as "trash" around the neighborhoods.

As long as there are cars on the road, washers, dryers, and refrigerators in homes, and building materials made out of metals, there NEEDS to be companies that are willing to take on the responsibility of recycling the earth's resources.

Companies like Southside Recycling and RMG support their communities; they hire locally, pay good wages with benefits, and, often, fund local charities.

I know the people at Southside Recycling and RMG. I know they care about doing the right thing and I am confident that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community.

Kyle Weisner  
President

Victory Auto Wreckers, Inc.  
710 E. Green Street  
Bensenville, IL 60106  
630.860.2000 ext. 201



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**From:** Larry Rushakoff [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 20, 2020 1:19 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** RMG PERMIT

[Warning: External email]

It would be a terrible,terrible mistake for the city of Chicago to deny a permit to a company that is preparing to properly commit them self's to the environment to the current laws and future ones not even required yet

The other steel recyclers in the city are no where close to enviromental rules if you don't allow them there permit many jobs will be lost and new ones not created I myself feel very happy And good selling my scrap metal to them

basically because of environmental issues

my family has been in recycling in Chicago since 1914

I am the last in my family doing this I know about environmental issues And what they mean to our city and our country the USA

I pray to god that you allow them there permit

writing to you for there permit brings tears to my eyes

Please do the right thing and issue them there permit to help keep chicago and the rest of the USA clean

Larry Rushakoff  
onstate recycling  
5825 S State  
Chicago,IL.  
60621

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**From:** [REDACTED]markrich.globalmetalcarrier.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 20, 2020 9:34 PM  
**To:** Mark Drury; envcomments  
**Subject:** Re: Support General Iron/Southside Recycling, public comment letters

[Warning: External email]

Dear All,

We would like to support your new home.

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Many thanks!

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**From:** [Mark Drury](#)  
**Date:** 2020-12-19 02:39  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Support General Iron/Southside Recycling, public comment letters

Dear supply Partner,

I want to thank all of you who helped us by e-mailing [envcomments@cityofchicago.org](mailto:envcomments@cityofchicago.org) in support of our new Southside home.

Please if you have not e-mailed the city in support of our new location; I ask you to do it before the December 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

Best Regards to all of you,  
Mark

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MARK DRURY / GII, LLC  
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providing safe, responsible + sustainable recycling solutions for  
our customers and the environment.

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**From:** Mark Drury <MarkDrury@general-iron.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 9, 2020 4:59 PM  
**Subject:** Support General Iron/Southside Recycling, public comment letters  
**Importance:** High

Dear Supply Partner,

As you may already be aware, we have one last chance to tell the city why we support the RMG / Southside Recycling. Please read the attachment and lend your support to our new home by sending an email to [envcomments@cityofchicago.org](mailto:envcomments@cityofchicago.org) before December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Mark Drury

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**From:** tseputis@clearviewrecycling.com [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 8:11 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

The new facility for Southside Recycling should be looked on favorably. RMG takes its responsibility to the environment seriously and has invested in measures that meet or exceed all environmental standards. The project will help keep recyclable goods out of landfills and help to pursue the green initiative that is so prevalent today. Approval of this project would be only a benefit to the community.

Sincerely,  
Tom Seputis

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**From:** David Teeghman [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 11:22 AM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Stop General Iron

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

My name is David Teeghman, I am a resident of East Garfield Park and son to a mother born and raised in Hegewisch. I am writing to you in objection to General iron's proposed facility in the 10th ward.

The 10th ward already has some of the most polluted air and water anywhere in the state of Illinois, and this facility would only make it worse. If this facility is too dirty for an affluent and white area like Lincoln Park, it is too dirty for a working class community that has far more people of color.

General Iron has proven time and time again they can not be trusted as good stewards of the air and water in the community where they operate. How many times do the city of Chicago, community members, the Illinois EPA and environmental justice organizations have to find General Iron polluting the air and water for you to realize this is who General Iron is, this is their business model, this is how they run their operations, and they aren't going to change?

I want equitable economic development in every community in Chicago. Every willing adult deserves a good job with a living wage and benefits to provide for them and their families. But this disastrous facility from General Iron is not the answer here. The city of Chicago needs to pursue other investment opportunities that will bring good jobs to the 10th ward that actually go to people living in the community and do no harm to the air they breathe and the water they drink.

I urge you to not approve General iron's facility relocation to the 10th ward.

Thank you,

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David Teeghman, He/Him

Cell: [REDACTED]

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**From:** Jeff Germany [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 12:00 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Support Letter for RMG's Southside Recycling Facility  
**Attachments:** kyoScan-12.21.2020-11.55.52.pdf

[Warning: External email]

To Whom It May Concern.

We, Tri-State Disposal, would like to express our support for RMG's Southside Recycling Facility at 11600 S Burley Avenue. Please accept our letter attached below as support for the needed services that this facility provides, but also that of the opportunities that this facility will bring to the community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Sincerely,*

*Jeff Germany*



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Jeff Germany  
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December 21, 2020

City of Chicago  
envcomments@cityofchicago.org

Re: RMG's Southside Recycling  
11600 S Burley Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60617

Dear City of Chicago,

I am writing to you today to support RMG's Southside Recycling facility located at 11600 S Burley Avenue.

As an operator of a family-owned and operated full-service waste transfer station and C&D material recovery facility, we rely on a partner like RMG's Southside Recycling facility. With the strict demands of recycling and material recovery, we all need a local and environmentally conscience partner with the ability to meet our ongoing needs. Not only is this site needed for our industry, but the recycling industry in general. With closures and consolidation of other recyclers over the past decade, the City of Chicago requires a facility like the one proposed. The last thing that anyone would want is for this facility to be built just a few miles to the east in Indiana.

RMG and their Southside Recycling facility have our full support and business once their facility is operational.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 708.388.9910 extension 217.

Sincerely,

Jeff Germany, Secretary  
Tri-State Disposal

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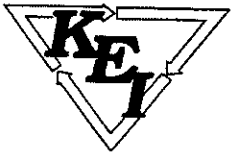
**From:** Matt Kripke [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 12:17 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** FW: Message from "Univ-K3458"  
**Attachments:** 20201221131221158.pdf

[Warning: External email]

Attached is a letter I wrote in support of RMG's proposed South Side facility. Thank you.

Matt Kripke, President  
Kripke Enterprises, Mid South Aluminum  
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Cell 419-704-6063  
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# KRIPKE ENTERPRISES, INC.

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8201 W Central Ave  
Toledo, Ohio 43617  
419-539-9133

December 21, 2020

[Envcomments@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Envcomments@cityofchicago.org)

I am President and owner of Kripke Enterprises. We are an aluminum recycling and coil distribution company with locations in Toledo, Ohio, Jackson, Tennessee and Coconut Creek, Florida. We have been a customer of Reserve Management Group (RMG) for over 20 years, both buying from them and selling to them.

I am writing in support of RMG's Southside Recycling project. They have been incredible stewards of the recycling industry, the Chicago South Side community and every community in which they operate. This facility will create a number of great jobs and will help the environment by keeping recyclable materials out the landfills. RMG has built the safest and most technologically advanced shredding and sorting system.

Feel free to call me if you wish to discuss further.

Thank you,

Matthew Kripke

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**From:** Christine Wyatt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 12:51 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Support rmg "southside recycling"

[Warning: External email]

12/21/2020

I am an employee of a chicago recycling yard.I support RMG "Southside Recycling.

Rmg has been a community-conscious southside business for more than 30 years they have always been good neighbors and are proud to support the southeast side of chicago food pantry which operates on their property.

Sincerely,

Chris wyatt

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**From:** Thomas Stoodt [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 2:17 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** Comments on RMG application to expand a recycling facility

[Warning: External email]

CPDH and the IEPA should ask General III to conduct a HAZOP (hazards and operability study). This would provide a detailed rigorous examination of the design of each processing step, especially studying what happens when the plant is started up, shut down, or experiences an upset such as an explosion or a sudden loss of power. A HAZOP is generally accepted as a good practice in engineering design. I would think that General III would welcome a HAZOP as a good idea and a necessary step to protect workers and the community. If an early pre-startup HAZOP had been done on the Clifton Ave. site, circumstances leading up to the explosion upset of May 2020 might have been anticipated and prevented ahead of time.

Another simple example of where a front to back process HAZOP might help is in feed sorting. The application mentions money incentives to sellers, employee education, etc. but a good HAZOP would address what should happen (or what design change is needed) when these measures inevitably fail, and a cylinder of an unknown gas enters the process.

This statement in the application also makes it clear that a HAZOP would be very useful:

“General III, LLC, will conduct an air monitoring evaluation at the commencement of its operations to determine if its needs to implement OSHA 29 1910.134; Respiratory Protection Program.”

A HAZOP would make it clear if a program was needed before the operation started and someone is potentially exposed and harmed. Starting things up and then looking for hazards is not considered responsible practice in the chemical industry and it isn't clear why it is considered OK here.

Regards,  
Tom Stoodt  
Retired Chemical Engineer (38 years experience)

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**From:** Sandi Martínez [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 3:34 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** General Iron

[Warning: External email]

Good afternoon, I'm writing in opposition to General Iron coming to my SouthEast side community. We are finally cleaning up the environmental mess left behind from the steel mills. We are off no lesser value to the people in Lincoln Park, please do not treat us as such.

Thank you kindly,  
Sandra Martinez

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**From:** Samm mm [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 21, 2020 9:29 PM  
**To:** envcomments  
**Subject:** RMG Expansion on Southeast Side

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern,

Being a lifelong resident of the Southeast side, it is with great concern that General Iron would like to expand in our neighborhood. For decades our neighborhood, as well as those surrounding us, have been subject to a poor quality of life due to large manufacturing companies in our area. This has not only caused environmental problems, but lifelong health concerns as well. I am a proud member of my community and constantly feel that our voices are silenced. We belong to Chicago and Chicago belongs to us and we want to ensure the health and safety of the future generations of our great city, more specifically, our great Southeast side neighborhood. If you choose to allow this expansion to take place, please consider the future impact of this endeavor and the possible consequences it will have on the citizens of our Southeast side neighborhood.

I appreciate your time and consideration,

Best Regards,  
Samantha Rymus