

permit

Terry Herlihy Chicago <[REDACTED]>

Sat 6/4/2022 1:13 PM

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Please renew Metal Management Midwest permit
They perform a useful, valuable service.providing
unemployed people with some money, saving the cost
of the city picking up scrap, lessens the damage that
mining does to the environment and keep scrap out
of landfills'

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SIMS Permit

debby chaga [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Fri 7/8/2022 9:10 AM

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Dear City of Chicago:

I'm curious as to why the City has STILL not scheduled a community meeting for a notorious polluter which continues to operate a shredder which has no means of controlling pollution and which has STILL not resolved past and ongoing violations of city, state and federal environmental rules. What is the City waiting for? And why is Sims allowed to continue operating and exposing Pilsen residents to their toxic pollution? It's been over 7 months since Sims submitted a permit application to operate their large recycling facility. It has also been over 7 months since their previous permit to operate as a smaller (Class IVB) recycling facility expired. How long will Sims be allowed to operate without ANY type of recycling facility permit and without addressing the violations that continue every day that Sims is in operation? The people of Pilsen have a right to know!

Sincerely,

Debby Chagal

Please consider

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Fri 7/15/2022 8:28 PM

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The business of shredding metal in areas with high concentration of people is harmful to the people who live and go to school in those areas

This business of metal shredding is harmful to society as it harms people who can otherwise grow in a healthy environment. This takes away from a healthy society by robbing us of contributing members of society by making us sick and not allowing us to grow and live up to our full potential.

Please consider putting us people over profit margins and say no to their renewal of permit.

We know they have fudged their pollution data before and cannot trust them to keep us safe.

Please consider the well being of all of us in society and vote to make our air clean for all.

Thank you.

Sims Permit

Jim <[REDACTED]>

Tue 7/19/2022 2:48 PM

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When does CDPH plan to issue a Large Recycling Facility permit to Sims? And when will CDPH begin enforcing the operating standards of the Large Recycling Facility Rules at Sims? The CDPH Guidelines Regarding Permitting Process For Consequential Large Recycling Facilities ([https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/sites/rgm-expansion/documents/CDPH-Guidelines Regarding Permitting Process pdf](https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/sites/rgm-expansion/documents/CDPH-Guidelines%20Regarding%20Permitting%20Process.pdf)) state that "CDPH will accept written comments on the permit application for thirty (30) days from the date that CDPH posts the permit application. In addition, where there is a significant degree of public interest in the application, CDPH will schedule a community meeting within the thirty (30) day period referenced above to explain the permitting process and hear local concerns."

According to the City's Public Health Community Information website (https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdph/provdrs/healthy_communities/svcs/public-health---community_information.html) CDPH received the Large Recycling Facility permit application from Sims on November 12, 2021. Yet today, more than 240 days later, CDPH is presumably still accepting written comments and a community meeting still has not been scheduled. The failure of CDPH to follow its own published guidelines and/or provide the public with updates regarding the status of Sims' permit application not only shows the City's blatant disregard for the people of Pilsen but it also demonstrates a significant lack of transparency on the part of CDPH.

Setting aside CDPH's delays in the permit application process, CDPH should still at least enforce the longstanding environmental regulations and ordinances that all recycling facilities have been subject to for years including prohibition of air pollution and proper handling and storage of material susceptible to becoming windborne. Yet recent pictures, some of which are attached, demonstrate that Sims continues to spew pollution from a shredder without any pollution controls and auto fluff continues to migrate offsite from the Sims facility. Based on observations of workers from Sims routinely cleaning auto fluff from parking lots and sidewalks in the neighborhood, Sims is obviously well aware of their ongoing environmental violations. When is the City going to step and hold Sims accountable for repeated violations of CDPH standards?















Sims

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Tue 7/19/2022 11:26 PM

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To whom it may concern:

What is the status of the environmental impact study that the Department of Public Health announced in April? It's been over 2 months since the CDPH stated at a gathering in Pilsen that the "life expectancy gap between whites and black and brown residents is unjust, unacceptable and preventable, in part, by reducing air pollution." If CDPH believes this is an issue of environmental injustice/racism, why won't the City commit to completing the impact study before the end of 2023, nearly a year and a half from now? And if CDPH truly believes this issue could be addressed, in part, by reducing air pollution, why won't CDPH at least commit to performing a Health Impact Assessment for one of the largest sources of air pollution on the Southwest Side (Sims Metal Management), particularly since Sims is still operating, despite countless environmental violations and a lawsuit filed by the Illinois Attorney General, with no pollution controls on its shredder. The City obviously concluded that residents on the Southeast Side mattered enough that CDPH performed a Health Impact Assessment for the only other large recycling facility in Chicago, Southside Recycling. Do the residents of Pilsen not deserve the same attention? A recent blog post by Troy Hernandez sums up the disparate treatment that the people of Pilsen will continue dealing with unless the City commits to treating all of its residents equally

<https://troyhernandez.com/2022/05/02/were-finally-talking-about-sims/>

So what to make of the environmental impact study touted by the Mayor's administration? While I appreciate that the mayor and CDPH created the Large Recycling Facility permit rules, why did it take so long for them to apply those rules to an existing facility that's been under investigation for 6 years!?

Their inaction, along with the alderman's, has ensured that Pilsen alone bears the burden the city's shredded metal for 3 years; from General Iron's closure at the end of 2020 until the end of 2023.

Megan Cunningham, managing deputy director for the city's Health Department, said in an interview that the city would like to complete the cumulative assessment by the end of 2023. How convenient. They'll wrap up the study after the next municipal election.

Please stop this blatant inequity and stop Sims from polluting my neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Debby Chagal

Sent from my iPhone