
From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Chaundel Sammarco
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 12:29 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Stop the General Iron Permit

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Sincerely,

Chaundel Sammarco

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60626-2045

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Linda Moorman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 4:38 AM
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Sincerely,

Linda Moorman
[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60653-1277

From: [REDACTED] behalf of Morgan Madderom
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 8:37 AM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,

Morgan Madderom

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60640-4734

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jamie Hayes [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 9:33 AM
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Sincerely,

Jamie Hayes

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60647-1836

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Deborah Fenner [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 10:15 AM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,

Deborah Fenner

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60640-1521

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Daniel M [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 10:22 AM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,

Daniel M
[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60657-5275

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Corie Anderson
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 10:43 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Stop the General Iron Permit

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Sincerely,

Corie Anderson

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60640-1221

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jessica Guzlas [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 11:36 AM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,

Jessica Guzlas

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60608-1709

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Terry Evans
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 12:54 PM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,

Terry Evans

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60615-3176

From: Megan Miskiewicz [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 1:07 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: concern re RMG

[Warning: External email]

To Whom It May Concern,

Good afternoon. Hopefully this finds you well in the midst of a difficult week.

I am writing in regard to General Iron owned by Reserve Management Group (RMG). They claim they can do their work without harming the environment, but we all know this is not true. The people of Chicago of ANY neighborhood, regardless of if it is on the North, South, or West side, does not deserve to have their air quality reduced by this business.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Megan Miskiewicz

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Megan Josephine Miskiewicz
she/her/hers

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Joyce Good
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 1:46 PM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,

Joyce Good

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60625-1298

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Janet Stelken [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 2:25 PM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,

Janet Stelken

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60608-2548

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Chuck Munro
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 3:57 PM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,

Chuck Munro

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60660-0211

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Caitlyn Moore
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 6:51 PM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,

Caitlyn Moore

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60657-1095

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of John Weber [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 9:55 PM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,

John Weber

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60608-4316

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Harmony Zhang
Sent: Thursday, January 7, 2021 9:57 PM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,

Harmony Zhang

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60605-3269

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Erin Ellis [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 8:22 AM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,

Erin Ellis

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60660-5747

From: Luvia Núñez-Montelongo [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 9:18 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Comments Against General Iron in SE Chicago

[Warning: External email]

My name is Luvia Nunez-Montelongo, and I stand in opposition to the relocation of General Iron to the Southeast Side of Chicago.

This area of our city has historically suffered injustices, from environmental disasters sparked by petcoke contamination to economic disinvestment. Low-income families in our city have had few other options than move to this area of the city because of these injustices, and it's about time we as a city demand better. We still have the power and authority to revoke the approval of General Iron moving to this area - we can still stand up to big corporate interests and be leaders and compassionate fellow residents that protect our fellow Chicagoans from further harm.

General Iron has already proven to be an environmental contaminant. Financial penalties do nothing to incentivize General Iron to change their polluting ways, as they have the means to continuously pay fines levied against them by the city. The mayor of Chicago needs to stop this move and increase the financial penalties against General Iron immediately to protect the families and communities in the Southeast Side of Chicago. Thank you.

Gracias,
Luvia

Luvia Núñez-Montelongo, MPH (she/her/ella)

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Molly Cox [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 10:43 AM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,

Molly Cox

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60660-5450

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Barbara Becker [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,

Barbara Becker

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60647-1202

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Stacy Papangelis
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 12:31 PM
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Sincerely,

Stacy Papangelis

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60613-4684

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ellen Garza [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 12:35 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Stop the General Iron Permit

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Sincerely,

Ellen Garza

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60628-5112

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Emma Pope [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 12:45 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Stop the General Iron Permit

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Emma Pope

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60640-3038

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Janet Stelken [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 12:52 PM
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Sincerely,

Janet Stelken

[REDACTED]

Chicago IL, 60608-2548

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Jennifer Pantelios
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:02 PM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,

Jennifer Pantelios

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60646-5207

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Kyle Duff [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:38 PM
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Sincerely,

Kyle Duff

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60615-5112

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Ron Cox [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:56 PM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,

Ron Cox

[REDACTED]

Chicago IL, 60645-5023

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Michelle Baucom <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, January 8, 2021 8:12 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Stop the General Iron Permit

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Sincerely,

Michelle Baucom

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60652-1606

From: Erica Mauldin [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 2:01 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron's Permit

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Sincerely,
Registered Chicago Voter

Erica Mauldin
[REDACTED]

60637

From: Maria Bell [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 2:41 PM
To: envcomments
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Maria Bell

[REDACTED]
60637

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sheila Carter [REDACTED]
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Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2021 5:19 PM
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Sincerely,

Sheila Carter

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60615-0035

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Sara West [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 11:11 AM
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Sincerely,

Sara West

[REDACTED]
Chicago IL, 60609-1144

From: Holly Cox [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 11:52 AM
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Registered Chicago Voter

Holly Cox

[REDACTED]
07082

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Samyu Neera [REDACTED]
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Sincerely,

Samyu Neera

[REDACTED]
Bolingbrook IL, 60440-2877

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Neeraja Gumidyala [REDACTED]
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Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 1:03 PM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,

Neeraja Gumidyala

[REDACTED]
Bolingbrook IL, 60440-2877

From: Sarah Eddy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 1:29 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron's Permit

[Warning: External email]

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Sincerely,
Registered Chicago Voter

Sarah Eddy

[REDACTED]
60657

From: Evan Kindler [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 3:02 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron's Permit

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Evan Kindler
[REDACTED]

60302

From: Forrest Cortes [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 7:07 PM
To: envcomments
Cc: Judy Pollock
Subject: RMG Move To Southeast Side - Chicago Audubon Society Public Comment
Attachments: CAS General Iron Public Comment.pdf

[Warning: External email]

Good evening,

I am writing on behalf of the board of the Chicago Audubon Society to submit the attached public comment related to the proposed move of RMG to the Southeast Side. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input and look forward to hearing back as the process continues.

Best,

Forrest Cortes
Vice President
Chicago Audubon Society



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Chicago Dept. Of Public Health
333 S State St #200, Chicago, IL 60604
January 11, 2021

RE: Public Comment on RMG Expansion on Southeast Side

To Whom It May Concern,

In solidarity with Southeast Side residents, the board of Chicago Audubon Society vehemently opposes the relocation of Reserve Management Group's large metal recycling facility to the Southeast Side. In 50 years of conservation work across the Chicago Region, Chicago Audubon Society has come to recognize the importance of a healthy, clean environment for both people and nature. This proposed recycling operation jeopardizes the health of residents, wildlife, and ecosystems that call the Southeast Side home.

Industrial operations should not be put before the health of people and the environment. Due to a long history of environmental racism and irresponsible industry, the Southeast Side already bears disproportionate public and environmental health burdens. The negative impacts of air pollution on human health are well-documented, but research indicates airborne contaminants like those released from this type of operation can negatively impact entire ecosystems. The United States EPA documents the type of cumulative impacts that can build up in an ecosystem in both plants and animals, increasing in toxicity and concentration as they move up the food chain. The Southeast Side is still recovering from a long history of abuse and dumping by industry, and City administrations that failed to protect communities and the environment. Millions of dollars and countless staff and volunteer hours from landowning agencies to nonprofits have gone into restoring Southeast Side wetlands, prairies and woodlands to health. A large portion of that time and funding goes toward remediation to address decades of soil and water contamination in the region's only remaining marsh habitat.

The proposed location of the RMG facility is downriver, upriver, and next door to schools and homes, but also to places like Indian Ridge Marsh, where immense effort and funding (both private and public) has gone toward creating a safe, welcoming outdoor experience. As rare birds, residents and travelers alike flock to newly restored parks and natural areas, it is paramount that the City do everything in its power to keep these areas safe and welcoming. Harmful and noxious emissions from a notorious polluter with a foul track record for violations jeopardize this vision. The City has a chance to change the course of history on the Southeast side by protecting Black and brown Southeast Side residents as it protects North side residents, and to protect our communities, environment, and our investments in green space and recreation.

RMG's track record at their Lincoln Park General Iron location does not inspire confidence that a safe, environmentally responsible company is moving to the Southeast Side. We are asking the City to take the right and responsible course of action and deny the permits that would allow RMG to operate on the Southeast Side.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Pollock".

Judy Pollock
President
Chicago Audubon Society

From: Maureen Murphy [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021 8:11 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron's Permit

[Warning: External email]

Dear Mayor Lightfoot and Chicago Dept. of Public Health:

I'm a northsider but I support the call of my fellow Chicagoans on the suotheast side who don't want General Iron polluting their neighborhoods.

All Chicagoans should have their health protected by the city. Unfortunately environmental racism is the reality at present, and moving General Iron to southeast Chicago will only worsen that situation.

That's why I'm calling on the city of Chicago and the Department of Public Health to DENY the final permit that General Iron needs to move to the Southeast side.

Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Maureen Murphy

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

60660

From: [REDACTED] on behalf of Syamala Neeraja
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:31 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Stop the General Iron Permit

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Sincerely,

Syamala Neeraja

[REDACTED]
Bolingbrook IL, 60440-2877

From: Charlie Suse [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 8:44 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron's Permit

[Warning: External email]

Dear Mayor Lightfoot and Chicago Dept. of Public Health:

I live in Wilmette, where we are privileged to not have to worry about the kinds of dangerous pollution in our air and water that many communities in the southeast side are at a higher risk of exposure to. This injustice could only be made worse if General Iron is allowed to move to the largely black and brown neighborhood from the largely white Lincoln Park. I used to have to walk by the General Iron plant in Lincoln park on my way to work every day, and could actually taste the pollutants hanging in the air. Why should any community be exposed to this kind of pollution, never mind communities that are already at greater risk of pollution-related health conditions? If you think the rest of Chicago isn't paying attention to this irresponsible act, know that you are wrong.

For these reasons, I'm calling on the city of Chicago and the Department of Public Health to DENY the final permit that General Iron needs to move here. Issuing this permit would be an act of environmental racism.

Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Registered Cook County Voter

Charlie Suse
[REDACTED]

60091

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 4:17 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG permit application

[Warning: External email]

January 12, 2021

Dear Mayor Lori Lightfoot,

A great city protects the health and well-being of the residents living in all of its neighborhoods, including those on the Southeast Side.

That region of the city is already over-burdened by pollution-causing industry. Expanding scrap metal operations there will only add to the health threats those residents already face.

Please say no to the permit to allow RMG to expand its operations on the Southeast Side.

Peggy Boyer Long
Lincoln Park

[REDACTED]
Chicago 60614

From: Gloria Picchetti [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 4:41 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron's Permit

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Registered Chicago Voter

Gloria Picchetti
[REDACTED]

60613

From: Gregory Esteve [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 6:58 PM
To: envcomments
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[REDACTED]

33898

From: Jose Rodriguez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 7:44 PM
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Jose Rodriguez

[REDACTED]
60633

From: Jed Linden [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:16 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Expansion on Southeast Side

[Warning: External email]

I'm writing today to ask you to deny the move of General Iron's operations to the Southeast Side of Chicago.

General Iron has been cited repeatedly for violating the City of Chicago's environmental codes, they've been responsible for dangerous explosions and fires, and they've been shut down for public health citations.

And now, in the middle of the COVID-19 crisis (which is hitting communities of color harder on all levels), they want to move their operations to a working-class community of color that's already overburdened with pollution.

This is environmental racism in action — and is indicative of the type of injustice communities of color deal with every day.

Although the inequalities that exist in our country are not new, we have a new opportunity to address them in light of the worsening COVID-19 pandemic and the renewed push for racial justice.

Please prioritize the health of Chicago's most vulnerable residents over industrial profits. I ask that you immediately deny environmental approvals that would enable this operation to start up in Chicago's Southeast Side.

Sincerely, Noah Lepawsky (Edgewater neighborhood)

From: Pastor Matt Zemanick [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9:11 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Public Comment on RMG/GII Application to operate a Large Recycling Facility

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To whom this may concern:

My name is Rev. Matthew Zemanick and I am a resident of Chicago's 35th Ward. For three years I served as Pastor of Lebanon Lutheran Church in Chicago's 10th Ward. Currently, I work with the Southeast Environmental Task Force. I am writing these comments because I believe the City of Chicago must deny RMG/GII LLC a permit to operate a large recycling facility in order to protect the health of the 10th Ward - particularly George Washington High School students and residents who live in close proximity to the proposed location. The application RMG/GII, even beyond the deficiencies CDPH recognized, does not indicate a Large Recycling Facility can exist in a community overburdened by pollution.

I am particularly concerned about the compounding effects of Particulate Matter emissions by the facility and truck traffic going in and out of it. Firstly, no application material nor City regulation place limits or requirements for Large Recycling facilities on PM2.5. This is smaller PM that both the US EPA & World Health Organization (WHO) recognize as more dangerous than PM10. Tenth Ward residents do not know the ambient PM2.5 levels in their community because it is my understanding that none of the air monitors are calibrated in a way to detect these dangerous materials, most notably the air monitor at GWHS.

Furthermore, PM10 is already a problem in the 10th Ward. In RMG/GII's own application (V-15) notes that background concentration at GWHS, per the air monitor located there, is 77µg/L. Both the WHO and the European Union Environmental Protection Agency recognize concentrations above 50µg/L as beyond both hourly and annual limit values, which are set to protect human health. This is because PM10 exposure is linked to lower life expectancy, higher cancer rates, asthma, aggravated COPD symptoms, and pulmonary fibrosis among other dangerous health conditions. By RMG/GII's own estimation, their PM10 emissions could create an environment where the background PM10 in and around GWHS is as high as 106µg/L.

This evidence alone is enough for Dr. Allison Arwady to exercise her legal duty as Chicago's Public Health Commissioner to protect the health of Chicago residents and prevent RMG/GII from operating a city block away from public schools, Rowan park, and a residential neighborhood by denying them their permit to operate a large recycling facility.

Additionally, it is the duty of the City per the agreements it makes with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive block grants under the Fair Housing Act and 1974 Housing and Community Development Act to foster integration and equitable development. The move of GII from Chicago's majority White Lincoln park neighborhood with an average household income of over \$108,000/yr to the majority Hispanic[sic] East Side neighborhood with an average household income of just under \$46,000/yr will create further disparities in income, home value, racial make-up, and health outcomes between these communities. If GII is not safe enough for Lincoln Park, why is it not safe enough for the East Side?

I should note that during the duration of community engagement with regard to GII's relocation to the 10th Ward the City has engaged in civic gaslighting. Multiple City communiques have claimed "this is not General Iron, this is RMG." The fact of the matter is, the Labkon family retains influence with RMG's operation of its subsidiary named General Iron Industries LLC (GII LLC) because they retain a large minority stake in the

company. This is the name of the company applying for a Large Recycling Permit on the application itself. These claims are insulting to the intelligence and dignity of Chicago residents. These claims are more insulting because both GII and RMG have violated multiple City, State, and Federal regulations over the course of their operations. Over the course of this process the City has refused to consider both GII & RMG's poor record of regulatory compliance as a factor in the permitting process. How can we take their estimations and information in their permit application in good faith?

Finally, I appeal to you as a Pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. While serving in a parish in Chicago's 10th Ward, I noticed that in ~90% of the households under my care there had abnormal health conditions such as rare cancers, aggressive COPD, asthma, and rare developmental disabilities. Many of my colleagues in parishes of comparable size did not encounter this level of disease in their parishes, notably in wealthier, whiter parishes.

A healthy living environment should not be a luxury good. It is a human right. Yet, in the City of Chicago, especially if this permit is approved, this will not be the case. In the City of Chicago clean air is a luxury good afforded to wealthy, white communities, at the expense of working-class communities of color. This may not be your intention but it is certainly the impact of decades of policy. We must turn the course. We must protect public health. We must uphold landmark Civil Rights legislation like the Fair Housing Act to undo the harm our City has caused to BIPOC (Black & Indigenous People of Color) Communities. The City of Chicago, particularly our Department of Public Health and its commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady, must exercise its legal duty to protect the health of Chicago residents from the dangers of air pollution, particularly during a global pandemic caused by a dangerous respiratory virus and DENY THE PERMIT.

Hoping against hope,

Rev. Matthew G. Zemanick+

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c: [REDACTED]

From: A Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:15 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron's Permit

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Dear Mayor Lightfoot and Chicago Dept. of Public Health:

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That's why I'm calling on the city of Chicago and the Department of Public Health to DENY the final permit that General Iron needs to move here. Issuing this permit would be an act of environmental racism.

Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Registered Chicago Voter

A Martin

[REDACTED]
60617

From: Mary Esquivel [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:26 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: General Iron

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Hello,

My name is Mary Ann Esquivel and I am a resident of the 10th Ward. I stand in solidarity with other 10th ward South East Side residents against General Iron. Firstly, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Public Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady has a duty and the authority to protect the public's health. Therefore, I demand that CDPH and Dr. Arwady protect the public's health by exercising their duty, due diligence, and authority to deny General Iron the permit to operate a Large Recycling facility on the Southeast Side.

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Deny RMG/General Iron's permit to operate a Large Recycling Facility in our neighborhood. We deserve clean air.

You will hear my voice at the polls come next election if you allow General Iron into our neighborhood

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Esquivel

From: Jonas Pajdl [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:06 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron's Permit

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Jonas Pajdl

[REDACTED]
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From: Julia Hunter [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:45 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: General Iron RMG Comments
Attachments: Comment General Iron.pdf

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Julia Hunter

From: Lynn Franco [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:01 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: WE WANT THAT IRON WORK Company!!!!!!

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

My name is Lynn Renee Franco, the 8th Ward Committeeman (Republican)

I am sick and tired of the Southeast Alliance stopping industry and other solid businesses from opening on the south east side of Chicago. I feel that this is socialism and Marxism. The home owners in South Shore are upper middle class, most of them. Their taxes (property) taxes are very high and the lake front is prime property. I attended meetings with Amalia Gomez and others and they consistently knock down any attempt for improvement and financial health by investors in Chicago. I believe she is a socialist and is looking for any problem to keep growth out of Chicago. She has no right to impoverish South Chicago. We citizens of the south side pay our taxes and enrich the city. I will stand against any form of tyranny and Marxism being implanted in Chicago. This Southeast Alliance is not rational in their actions. I plan to unite the residents of South Shore and Pill Hill and elsewhere to what this Marxist organization is trying to do. We want financial health restored to our business strips and Amalia Gomez and her group are trying to stop it. I will find out who is financing them to constantly stay in the way of neighborhood progress. The Southeast Alliance has run out many potential businesses from 75th Street 79th Street and elsewhere on the south east side and this has got to stop. There is no more pollution on the southeast side than anywhere else. This is a terrible illegal and disingenuous ruse and it must be stopped

We want that Iron Work company.

Lynn Franco
8th Ward Republican Committeeman
[REDACTED]

From: Naomi Chase [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:36 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Expansion
Attachments: Residents RMG Letter to the City.docx

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Good Afternoon,

Attached to this email is a letter stating my concerns regarding the RMG expansion.

Thank You,

Naomi Chase
Neighborhood Connect Liaison
South Deering Manor Community Association
[REDACTED]

January 13, 2021

My name is **Naomi Chase** and I am a resident of 96th and Merrill Ave.

As a member of the South Deering Manor Community Association, I support its mission to create a community working together in unity to impact the quality of life in our neighborhood by bringing resources to improve our homes, schools, churches, businesses, and eliminate crime.

Our concerns regarding the RMG Expansion fall into the two categories listed below along with the corresponding deficiencies listed in the Chicago Department of Public Health Application Deficiency Letter:

- **Traffic Pollution:**

11. Pursuant to paragraph 3.9.13.2 of the Rules, provide a stacking plan of all trucks and vehicles during the Facility's peak AM and PM traffic hours.
12. Pursuant to paragraphs 3.9.13.4 to 3.9.13.7 of the Rules, provide a traffic study in conformance with the requirements of said paragraphs. A traffic study was previously submitted to CDPH for initial review but was not included in the Application.

- **Environmental Pollution:**

33. Pursuant to 3.10.11 of the Rules, revise the hours of operation, taking into consideration the restrictions imposed under the IEPA construction air permit ID No. 031600SFX ("IEPA Air Permit"). For example, the IEPA Air Permit limited facility vehicle traffic to 14 hours per day on weekdays and 12 hours per day on weekends. These hours conflict with the 24/7 operation proposed in the Application. Other conflicting hours between the IEPA Air Permit and the Application include the non-ferrous system operation hours and barge loading hours.
34. Pursuant to 1-4-2530(l), provide an odor control plan that addresses the potential odors at the Facility. Such plan shall include, but may not be limited to, the following:
 - A. An inventory of odor-emitting activities;
 - B. The location, time, and duration of each odor-emitting activity;
 - C. An odor mitigation plan that includes specific administrative and/or engineering controls and best management practices for each odor-emitting activity;
 - D. Routine odor inspections around the Facility and nearby adjacent Sensitive Areas; and
 - E. Protocols for investigating odors discovered during routine inspections or as reported in an odor complaint.

We are completely aware that our area is surrounded by industrial properties and is a proper space for this business and regardless of the company or product, we will do everything necessary to keep our

residents safe from traffic, environmental and chemical pollution. There is new technology that **must** investigate and procure. It would prove their interest in being a good community partner.

We will continue to advocate for our safety and wellbeing and hope you can join us by protecting our quality of life. Imagine your company being located where you live; have that same level of concern for our community.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit my concerns regarding the RMG Expansion to 11600 S. Burley on the Southeast Side of Chicago.

Our Best Regards,

Ninah Moore, Corresponding Secretary

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From: Kevin Anthony Ford [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:12 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: No Vote.

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No Vote.

Kevin Anthony Ford.

From: Susan Donovan [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:22 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: TNC Comments on RMG/General Iron Expansion on Southeast Side
Attachments: RMG General Iron comment 1.13.20 FINAL.docx

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1/13/2021

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of The Nature Conservancy Illinois I am submitting the attached comment on the proposed expansion of RMG/General Iron on the Southeast Side. I appreciate the opportunity and your consideration of the comment.

Best,

Susan Donovan

Susan Donovan
Director of Government
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Chicago Dept. of Public Health
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Chicago, IL 60604

January 13, 2021

RE: Comments on General III, LLC Large Recycling Facility Application

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the request by General III, LLC's ("GIII") for a Class IVB Large Recycling Facility permit, proposed for their property at 11600 S. Burley Avenue in Chicago. The Nature Conservancy is committed to conserving the resources for sustaining life on Earth, and we are called to take particular care where communities already carry a heavy environmental burden. From our science-based analyses and experience with the communities of the Calumet River, we urge the Department to reject this permit application.

The Conservancy bases our determination in part on our evaluation of community vulnerability to impacts related to climate change. Our analysis, called the [Chicago Greenprint](#), identifies all communities along the Calumet River (from Lake Michigan to Lake Calumet) as having especially high vulnerability to poor air quality. This matter is well-documented, given the many environmental justice issues local activists have raised in the Southeast Side. Our analysis utilizes publicly accessible data from government sources related to air quality, filtering the results by U.S. Census data on income and concentration of youth with high vulnerability.

One of the Conservancy's partnerships on the Southeast Side works with community volunteers, including families with young children, to engage them in stewardship of the valuable natural areas at Chicago Park District sites such as Big Marsh and Indian Ridge Marsh. Among our goals are to foster the many health benefits of engagement with nature and the outdoors in participants. However, these sites are within one mile of the proposed GIII facility. We also have helped to fund restoration programs at Eggers Grove Forest Preserve and William Powers State Recreation Area, both of which are similarly close and generally downwind of the proposed facility.

The Conservancy has a history of investment in Southeast Side natural areas and communities. Since 2015, we have led a coalition that has brought federal funding to restore habitat at the parks mentioned above totaling over \$875,000. These investments have had a significant impact on improving the quality of



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green spaces for local residents. Additional air pollution from the proposed GIII operation would only build on the existing risk demonstrated by our analyses, leading to concerns about the ongoing risk to the people working to manage and maintain these spaces for the community.

We are concerned that awarding the permit to GIII will jeopardize community residents seeking to improve their health at these important local natural areas, adding new risks to a community that is already overburdened with industrial air quality issues.

We appreciate and support the Department's deficiency letter to GIII from December 23, 2021. However, the issues with the permit application go well beyond the gaps in the information supplied by GIII. It is clear from many data sources, including our own, that the 11600 Burley Ave. location – and the Southeast Side in general – is an inappropriate location for a large recycling facility. We encourage the Department to deny this permit.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Donovan, Dir. of Government Relations
SDONOVAN@TNC.ORG | (312) 580-2100

From: Sel Dunlap [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:09 PM
To: envcomments
Cc: Alliance of the SouthEast (ASE); Brandon Johnson (Board of Commissioners); Danny Davis; Patrick Brutus; USA The Black Star Project; Sy Smith; HUBERT NEWKIRK; Carlos Nelson; MARY MITCHELL
Subject: THE PROPOSED DUMP SITE FOR THE SOUTH EAST SIDE.

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I am the proud founder and primary spirit of the **WAR ON FILTH and FEAR CAMPAIGN**, whose mission is to fight environmental, social cancers from the inside.....**OUT**. That is represented by the residents of the Southeast side understanding the full impact of tolerating environmental insults such the the proposed dump.

One of the patented pillars of the WAR ON FILTH and FEAR CAMPAIGN is:

"IF IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD, A CLEAN VILLAGE DOES IT BETTER!!"

Sel Dunlap

From: Erin Coleman Branchaud [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:23 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Public Comment--General Iron

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Hello,

My name is Rev. Erin Coleman Branchaud and I am a faith leader and community organizer in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood. I stand in solidarity with 10th ward South East Side residents against General Iron. Firstly, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Public Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady has a duty and the authority to protect the public's health. Therefore, I demand that CDPH and Dr. Arwady protect the public's health by exercising their duty, due diligence, and authority to deny General Iron the permit to operate a Large Recycling facility on the Southeast Side.

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Erin Coleman Branchaud (*she/her/hers*)
Pastor

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From: john prendergast [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:41 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: deny the permits for General Iron in 10th ward

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Jan 13, 2021

Hello:

My name is John Prendergast and I am a life long resident of the 10th ward. I stand in solidarity with 10th ward South east side residents against General Iron.

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From: Miguel Garcia [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 5:04 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Resident against General Iron

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Miguel Garcia

From: Stefanie Munoz [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 6:54 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: For General Iron's Final Permit !!!!!!!

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Date: Wednesday , January 13th , 2021

Hello,

My name is Stefanie Munoz and I am a community member at the SE Side of Chicago. I stand in solidarity with 10th ward South East Side residents against General Iron. Firstly, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Public Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady has a duty and the authority to protect the public's health. Therefore, I demand that CDPH and Dr. Arwady protect the public's health by exercising their duty, due diligence, and authority to deny General Iron the permit to operate a Large Recycling facility on the Southeast Side.

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From: Ava Tomasula y Garcia [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:04 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Public comment on General Iron

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Good evening,

My name is Ava Tomasula y Garcia, and I am a community member, organizer, and 4th-generation South-Sider. I am joining so many others who live and work in the 10th ward in writing this public comment AGAINST General Iron.

My family has been around the area for four generations. That's meant four generations of cancers, of asthma, of early onset dementia. My grandparents died from painful, wasting cancers much too early, after spending their lives living in our neighborhoods and working in the low-wage, heavy industries here. That's what kind of jobs companies like General Iron bring in. I dispute the idea that the recycler will bring in "quality jobs" that are so needed in our community. What does it mean to prioritize low-wage, polluting jobs that end up killing us?

I have spent the last 2 years as a labor and immigration organizer at Centro de Trabajadores Unidos, a worker's center with deep history in this community. Many community members who CTU works with and who are experiencing wage theft, discrimination, and other abuses, work at the myriad other recycling facilities located in the 10th Ward. These are not quality jobs: They are parasitic jobs that not only destroy peoples' health, but they destroy their esteem and livelihoods, all while holding out empty promises to give them a leg up in the world.

I believe that Dr. Allison Arwady has a duty to protect us on the South Side. I demand that you live up to this duty and deny all permits to General Iron.

I'm sick of public participation in review processes being completely meaningless, from Federal EPA EIAs down to here in Chicago. Please actually listen to residents--WE are the ones affected, we are not just one of the "stakeholders" at the table that also includes corporate spokespeople. Do what you know is right, and DENY General Iron's permit. If you don't, you are literally taking years of life away from a whole neighborhood.

Deny RMG/General Iron's permit.

Thank you,

Ava Tomasula y Garcia

[REDACTED] 60617

From: Jesus Correa [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:24 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: For General Iron's Final Permit !!!!!!!

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Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Hello,

My name is Jesus Correa and I am a community member at the SE Side of Chicago. I stand in solidarity with 10th ward South East Side residents against General Iron. Firstly, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Public Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady has a duty and the authority to protect the public's health. Therefore, I demand that CDPH and Dr. Arwady protect the public's health by exercising their duty, due diligence, and authority to deny General Iron the permit to operate a Large Recycling facility on the Southeast Side.

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According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the World Health Organization (WHO), chronic exposure to particulate matter and air pollutants results in higher asthma rates amongst adolescents, higher lung cancer rates, depression & lower academic performance!

From: Gonzalo Arreguin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:56 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Against General Iron

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If you all do not deny this permit, you all are signing away valuable years of our lives at the expense of another scrap metal yard.

Deny RMG/General Iron's permit to operate a Large Recycling Facility. We deserve clean air.

Sincerely,
Gonzalo Arreguin Farias

From: Sylvia Munoz [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:59 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: AGAINST GENERAL IRON

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My name is Sylvia Munoz and I am a resident of the South East side community. I stand in solidarity with 10th ward South East Side residents against General Iron. Firstly, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Public Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady has a duty and the authority to protect the public's health. Therefore, I demand that CDPH and Dr. Arwady protect the public's health by exercising their duty, due diligence, and authority to deny General Iron the permit to operate a Large Recycling facility on the Southeast Side.

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Sincerely,

Sylvia Munoz

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From: Stefanie Munoz [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 7:59 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Stop Permit Now !!!!!

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Date: January 13th, 2021

Hello,

My name is Stefanie Munoz and I am a community member at the SE side of Chicago. I stand in solidarity with 10th ward South East Side residents against General Iron. Firstly, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Public Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady has a duty and the authority to protect the public's health. Therefore, I demand that CDPH and Dr. Arwady protect the public's health by exercising their duty, due diligence, and authority to deny General Iron the permit to operate a Large Recycling facility on the Southeast Side.

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Sincerely,
Stefanie Munoz

From: Omar Munoz [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:05 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: URGENT!!! URGENT!!!

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Hello-

My name is Oma Munoz and I am a resident of the South East side community. I stand in solidarity with 10th ward South East Side residents against General Iron. Firstly, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Public Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady has a duty and the authority to protect the public's health. Therefore, I demand that CDPH and Dr. Arwady protect the public's health by exercising their duty, due diligence, and authority to deny General Iron the permit to operate a Large Recycling facility on the Southeast Side.

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Sincerely,

Oma Munoz

From: Mai Lav [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:12 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron permits

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Hello-

Mayor Lightfoot please deny General Iron permits to establish new office space on the southeast side of Chicago. They have a horrific record of pollution in neighborhoods and not caring or working with community members for our health safety.

I voted for you knowing that you have a level head and no corruption and of individuals that are not for the community but for pocketing money and revenue while being reckless in their moral and professional ethics as employers.

Thank you for denying their permits. Would you give them permits that will lead them to pollute your community? IJS

Maia

From: Judith Lihota [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 8:23 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Against RLMG/General Iron Permit

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Public Comment on General Iron Permit
January 13, 2021

My name is Judith Lihota and I am a life-long resident of the Hegewisch area just south of the proposed site of the General Iron facility. I stand together with the 10th ward Southeast Side residents against General Iron. The Chicago Department of Health has a duty to protect the public's health. Therefore, I demand that they protect the public's health by denying General Iron the permit to operate a Large Recycling facility on the Southeast Side of Chicago.

Sincerely,
Judith Lihota

[REDACTED]
Chicago, Illinois 60633

From: Andrew Brown-Thomas [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 9:36 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron's Permit

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Dear Mayor Lightfoot and Chicago Dept. of Public Health:

I live in South Chicago, where we already have our fair share of dangerous pollution. Now that could be made worse if General Iron is allowed to move to our largely black and brown neighborhood from white Lincoln Park.

That's why I'm calling on the city of Chicago and the Department of Public Health to DENY the final permit that General Iron needs to move here. Issuing this permit would be an act of environmental racism.

Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Registered Chicago Voter

Andrew Brown-Thomas
[REDACTED]
60632

From: Frances Pratt [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:25 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: South Chicago area concerns

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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing as a life long Chicago resident about the city's intention of relocating this company to our area. South Chicago families deserve a environmental break from dumping companies that have been displaced and unwanted in other areas. For far to long the former steel industry in this area has endured long term generational health issues from the emissions of metal and other airborne components. Now add that we all are suffering from COVID-19 which has been verified by the CDC as a airborne threat how much more can our families and heart take. Please don't allow this iron company to our neighborhood, South Chicago!

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From: Lisa Downs [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 10:35 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny RMG/General Iron Permit

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I am a life long resident of the 10th Ward. I am disgusted that I am once again having to send in comments against an entity trying to contaminate our neighborhood. Residents have fought against a 3rd Airport, a gasification plant, and the expansion of several landfills. Manganese in our baseball fields and a superfund site full of toxic chemicals are within walking distance of our home. When is enough, enough?

I stand in solidarity with the residents against General Iron. The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Public Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady has a duty and the authority to protect the public's health by denying General Iron the permit to operate a Large Recycling facility on the Southeast Side.

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We deserve clean air! We deserve better!**

Sincerely,

Lisa Sowa-Downs

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