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Commissioner of Health  
Department of Public Health  
Attn: Environmental Permitting and Inspections  
333 South State Street, Room 200  
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Commissioner Choucair,

Pursuant to Sections 2-112-160(b), 11-4-760(e), 11-4-770, and 11-4-800 of the Municipal Code of Chicago I am submitting a written comment with respect to its proposed regulations for the handling and storage of bulk material piles.

I am extremely concerned about the huge piles of "petcoke" (petroleum coke) that are located on the Calumet River on the southeast side of Chicago.

These piles of petcoke reach up to 5 stories high. They are unsightly, but more importantly, they are endangering the health and well-being of Chicago residents who are forced to breath in the toxic particles when they become airborne. We can expect also that residue will manage to get into the Calumet River and end up in Lake Michigan, the source of our drinking water.

I live in Cook County and my municipality receives water from Lake Michigan. Like all others in the area, the air quality, depending on the direction of the wind can affect me and my health.

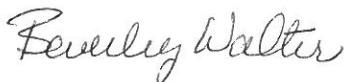
I urge the Department of Public Health to insist on better protection than that afforded by the proposed ordinance.

City regulations are not sufficiently strict. Some things that were clearly questionable about the proposed regulations were:

- . the two year grace period for the construction of an enclosure
- . the set backs given without explanation as to how they were determined or why they are sufficient
- . variances to the regulations granted at the discretion of the Commissioner of Health
- . penalties not clearly stated or defined

Please protect the citizens and the environment. Protect Lake Michigan. The people of the area deserve no less.

Respectfully,



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