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Commissioner of Health
Department of Public Health
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Dear Ms. Choucair:

I spoke at the public hearing held on January 13, 2014 on the Notice of Proposed Regulations for the Handling and Storage of Bulk Material Piles. These are additional written comments for the public record.

Your representative Jennifer Hesse stated *"...the Department of Public Health environmental inspectors routinely inspect industry; typically on at least an annual basis we're inspecting industry."* Since the coal ash and petcoke industry has existed for at least 20 years on the Calumet River in SE Chicago according to a KCBX spokesperson, please add to the public record the environmental inspection reports on the Chicago industries.

The Proposed Regulations do not order fines or penalties for violations. No costs will be recovered by the city. No financial penalty will be charged as a pollution deterrent.

The City of Chicago and the State Attorney General filed a lawsuit against Beemsterboer because it was operating a business without a permit. The company agreed to remove all of the material on their site and stop accepting any further petcoke at least until they can get proper permits. To believe the new regulations will be enforced, it is important to know if the City and State AG fined and penalized the company for violating existing regulations. Was Beemsterboer fined for operating without a permit and the Clean Air Act? Was KCBX penalized for violating the Clean Air Act? Will the Department of Public Health ban Beemsterboer from operating in the City of Chicago because it willfully operated without permits?

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to comment and ask questions on the proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

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