
From: robert sorita <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2021 12:43 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron's Permit

[Warning: External email]

Dear Mayor Lightfoot and Chicago Dept. of Public Health:

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Sincerely,
Registered Chicago Voter

robert sorita

[REDACTED]
98563

From: Rian Roy [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2021 10:57 PM
To: envcomments
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Registered Chicago Voter

Rian Roy
[REDACTED]

60190

From: Eileen Borgia [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:00 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Please deny General Iron's final permit request

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Eileen Borgia
[REDACTED]
Champaign, IL 61822

From: Jennie van den Boogaard [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 2:40 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron's Permit

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Registered Chicago Voter

Jennie van den Boogaard
[REDACTED]
60654

From: Timna Axel [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 2:40 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron's Permit

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Timna Axel
[REDACTED]

60640

From: Brianna Beck [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 2:40 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 Northside Chicago and I am ally of this initiative. Southeast Chicago has already had its fair share of dangerous pollution. Now that could be made worse if General Iron is allowed to move to this largely black and brown neighborhood from white Lincoln Park.

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Sincerely,
Registered Chicago Voter

Brianna Beck
[REDACTED]

60660

From: Rae Madrid [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 2:41 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 Chicago, where we already have our fair share of dangerous pollution in Black and brown neighborhoods. Now that could be made worse if General Iron is allowed to move to a Southeast neighborhood from white Lincoln Park.

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Sincerely,
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Rae Madrid
[REDACTED]

60640

From: Casey Pilgeram [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 2:46 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 the north side of Chicago.

When I was pregnant with my first son I drove to the southeast side to work each day. Each time I went, I became nauseated from the factory smells leaching into my car. I felt horrified for the pregnant women, the elderly, the children- for all the people who live in these communities, unable to escape the pollution. It is unconscionable to add more.

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Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,
Registered and concerned Chicago voter
-Casey

Casey Pilgeram
[REDACTED]

60660

From: John Gammal [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 3:00 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron's Permit

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John Gammal
[REDACTED]

60660

From: Jillian Thompson [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 4:01 PM
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Jillian Thompson
[REDACTED]

60613

From: Daron Teske [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 4:59 PM
To: envcomments
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Daron Teske
[REDACTED]

60625

From: cececece3 [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 5:44 PM
To: envcomments
Cc: cececece3
Subject: General Iron Permit

[Warning: External email]

For the sake of our collective environment please deny the permit
it is obvious that race is a big factor in why General Iron is moving their
facility to the southeast area. If you breathe the air you should care.

Participated in the last meeting zoom call and much opposition was voiced
and strongly oppose because of the existing environmental issues in this area
and south shore.

thank you for consideration to this most important decision that will affect generations.

CeCe Edwards
GCPAC, Inc. President

From: Kate Koval [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 9:48 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG- Special Use Permit for a Large Recycling Facility

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern:

I am a long time resident of the 10th ward. Currently, I live on 113th and Green Bay Avenue, which is very close to the Calumet Industrial Corridor, specifically the proposed RMG site.

I do not understand how in the year of 2021, during a global pandemic that affects respiratory health, this permit is even being considered. It is completely disgusting that in this day and age the residents of our community live so close to heavy industry and bulk storage of dusty "products." We know that dust, particularly PM 10 and 2.5 are irritants and create inflammation in our respiratory tracts. This causes chronic respiratory issues, such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, COPD, and enlarged adenoids and/ or tonsils. The asthma vans come to our schools to provide services to the children in our neighborhood. THERE ARE SO MANY CHILDREN IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WITH ASTHMA THAT WHOLE ASS ASTHMA VANS COME TO THE SCHOOLS!!!

Then we have the heavy metals, such as lead, manganese and cadmium leading to neuro developmental and neuro degenerative disorders. Ever wonder why so many children have autism spectrum disorder in this community? Do our elders get Alzheimers and/ or suffer from dementia at a higher rate because of living in a toxic industrial area? These are the questions I think about all the time. Add a global pandemic on top of it and tell me you wouldn't be a ball of anxiety. It is not just about this one industry at this point, the whole corridor needs to be re-imagined and RE ZONED. Just like what this city did for the North Branch of the Chicago River (i.e. wealthy white people who moved to Chicago- not actual working people who are from the area and keep the city functioning). How can institutions and politicians whose salaries and operating budgets are paid for with working people's taxes allow this to happen in 2021?!? Do you all hate working class people that much? Are you scared of what could happen if there was a change to the way we interact with the land down here? The future is NOW. The industrial revolution is over. The glory days of the steel mills are over. A new generation is coming up and that brings innovative, fresh ideas that can reimagine a whole other world, including the Calumet Industrial Corridor.

What needs to happen is an entire REZONING of the Calumet Industrial Corridor. In addition to full enclosure of anything that creates dust. I don't care how big the particles are. The delicate cilia that lines our airways down here are INFLAMED. We breathe this air every day. I don't need a research study or a medical degree to know that we are affected by living next to this industry. I know that if the air monitors don't register high rates of particulate matter, we are still being impacted. What about long term exposure??? Until the entire corridor is reenvisioned and the ecosystem begins to heal- we need the city to STOP THIS. NO MORE DUST. NO MORE TOXINS. THERE HAS TO BE A CAP ON HOW MANY METAL SHREDDERS CAN BE IN A CERTAIN SQUARE MILE RADIUS. THIS IS JUST COMMON SENSE AT THIS POINT. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

Do your jobs and work for the people you serve. Don't throw your hands up and say, "Well business is business- there is nothing I can do to stop a business deal from happening!" But you all sure can facilitate a business deal, huh?

Kate Koval

From: Jennifer Calcara [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 8:46 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Please deny General Iron's final permit request

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Sincerely,
Jennifer Calcara

[REDACTED]
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

From: Marjorie Kersten [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 11:22 AM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,
Marjorie Kersten

[REDACTED]
Chicago, IL 60647

From: James John [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:37 PM
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James John

[REDACTED]
Chicago, IL 60647

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Sincerely,
Tapan Patel

[REDACTED]
Chicago, IL 60630

From: Dave Barboza [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 5:10 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron's Permit

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Dave Barboza
[REDACTED]

60606

From: Melissa McNeill [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 7:33 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Please deny General Iron's final permit request

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Melissa McNeill
[REDACTED]
Chicago, IL 60637

From: Jennifer Cassel <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 9:09 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Please deny General Iron's final permit request

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Jennifer Cassel

[REDACTED]
Chicago, IL 60634

From: Garcia, Maria [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 10:35 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny permit to Southside Recycling Metal Shredder.

[Warning: External email]

I highly encourage the city to deny the final permit for Southside Recycling's Metal Shredder on 116th and Burley.

Thank you

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Maria G.Garcia
School Clerk Assistant
George Washington High School
3535 E. 114th Street
Chicago, IL. 60617
Phone: 773-535-5093
Fax: 773-535-5038
Email: mggarcia22@cps.edu

From: El FIFAS [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 1:27 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Stop the pollution

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

My name is Mike and I am a parent and resident of this ward. 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.

The science behind the pollution putting the SE side community at risk is simple:

- Particulate matter (PM 10 & PM 2.5) will be released into our environment from RMG/General Iron and go into our lungs and further compromise the immune system of 10th Ward residents. Just because we cannot see it does not mean it is not there.
- A study conducted by George Washington Highschool, the high school directly across the road from RMG/General Iron, found winds from RMG's location to blow Southwest to Northeast. With the wind pattern present, the wind will carry pollutants directly to the learning environment of our students and negatively impact their health.
- 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, and a decreased life span.

Moving an industrial facility's operations from a gentrified, mostly white neighborhood to a community with majority Black, Brown, Immigrant, and working-class residents already overburdened with polluting industry is a prime example of environmental racism. The City must deny the permit if it is to be in compliance with the US Fair Housing Act.

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,
michael

From: Andrew Szwak [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 3:17 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Please deny General Iron's final permit request

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Sincerely,
Andrew Szwak
[REDACTED]
CHICAGO, IL 60657

From: Celia Michener [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 7:38 AM
To: envcomments
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Sincerely,
Celia Michener
[REDACTED]
EVANSTON, IL 60202

From: Nelly Mota [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 11:07 AM
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Sincerely,
Registered Chicago Voter

Nelly Mota
[REDACTED]

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From: Niamh Burke [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 12:04 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Please move general iron into the daily plaza/Thompson center instead

[Warning: External email]

"Hello,

My name is **Niamh Burke** and I am a member of the Chicago Teachers Union and a citizen of Pilsen (famous for shutting down toxic waste in our 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 South Side.

The science behind the pollution putting the SE side community at risk is simple:

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- Particulate matter (PM 10 & PM 2.5) will be released into our environment from RMG/General Iron and go into
- our lungs and further compromise the immune system of 10th Ward residents. Just because we cannot see it does not mean it is not there.
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- A study conducted by George Washington Highschool, the high school directly across the road from RMG/General
- Iron, found winds from RMG's location to blow Southwest to Northeast. With the wind pattern present, the wind will carry pollutants directly to the learning environment of our students and negatively impact their health.
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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, and a decreased life span.
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Moving an industrial facility's operations from a gentrified, mostly white neighborhood to a community with majority Black, Brown, Immigrant, and working-class residents already overburdened with polluting industry is a prime example of environmental racism. The City must deny the permit if it is to be in compliance with the US Fair Housing Act.

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,
Niamh Burke

From: Emily Beaufort [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 1:21 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Please deny General Iron's final permit request

[Warning: External email]

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Emily Beaufort
[REDACTED]
CHICAGO, IL 60624

From: Mary Taylor [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:51 PM
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If this whole project doesn't scream racism then I don't know what does. It already moved from Lincoln Park, clearly it doesn't need to be near any people, especially poor ones, or children. Please find a better location based on population density (preferably zero) not on the ability of the neighbors to oppose it.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Mary Taylor

[REDACTED]
Chicago, IL 60625

From: Mary Beth Schaye [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 5:59 PM
To: envcomments
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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Mary Beth Schaye
[REDACTED]
Evanston, IL 60201

From: Maren Robinson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 6:18 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Please deny General Iron's final permit request

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Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,
Maren Robinson
[REDACTED]
Chicago, IL 60625

From: Gregory Esteve [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 9:34 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron's Permit

[Warning: External email]

Dear Mayor Lightfoot and Chicago Dept. of Public Health:

I live in Southeast 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.

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Sincerely,
Registered Chicago Voter

Gregory Esteve
[REDACTED]

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From: Amy Abramson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, January 22, 2021 11:56 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT: RMG & 10th Ward

[Warning: External email]

Dear Dr. Arwady,

As a 2nd Ward resident, living for 20+ years in the shadows of General Iron, I stand in solidarity with 10th Ward residents in opposition to the relocation of General Iron (under parent company, Reserve Management Group) to the Southeast Side. In short, I would not wish General Iron upon any Chicago residents, especially when the health and wellbeing of families and children are at stake.

While others will no doubt speak to the health disparities and environmental burdens in communities of color on the Southeast Side, I offer the following experiential account for your consideration, as an additional dimension. You may wonder: *What's it like to live near General Iron?*

Let me tell you: It means hearing the noise pollution of machinery crashing down on metal from early morning to late at night, with explosions not uncommon; it means not being able to walk freely in one's own neighborhood, vigilantly avoiding streets nearby; it means not being able to bicycle on the local bike route to the West Side; and on some days, when the dust and fumes are especially noxious, it means not going outside at all. The nausea resulting from breathing in these fumes has set me back more than a few times; other neighbors have experienced worse. No one, especially children, should have to live this way.

The proposed plan to relocate General Iron to the Southeast Side near local community hubs – George Washington High School and Rowan Park – is especially harmful. These are places where people play, where they meet friends, where they enjoy nature. If COVID has taught us nothing else, it's how important these spaces are. We must protect them at all costs. Our health and wellbeing depend on it.

Please deny RMG's permit to relocate its recycling operations to the 10th Ward.

Sincerely,
Amy Abramson

<http://www.linkedin.com/in/aaabramson>

[REDACTED]

From: Stephen McMurtry [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 6:07 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron's Permit

[Warning: External email]

Dear Mayor Lightfoot and Chicago Dept. of Public Health:

I live in Lincoln Park/Old Town, and I think it unconscionable if General Iron is allowed to move to an already-polluted and largely black and brown neighborhood from wealthy Lincoln Park.

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Stephen McMurtry
[REDACTED]

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