
From: Tina Bleach [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 2:26 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron | RMG's Permit for Southeast

[Warning: External email]

Dear City of Chicago and Department of Public Health:

I'm a current neighbor of General Iron, now RMG, on the city's Northside. I know first hand that this company, its leaders and its equipment do not belong in my neighborhood on the Northside and they most certainly do not belong on the Southeast side.

That's why I request that you DENY General Iron | RMG's request for the final permit to operate in Southeast Chicago.

Despite the promises that have been made to the city, they will not be kept. Just look at General Iron and RMG's record over the years: multiple fires, explosions, building violations, OSHA violations. The U.S. EPA—under Donald Trump no less—has found General Iron's actions to be so egregious that it forced the company into a legally binding consent order. And even that is violated again and again.

Numerous false arguments have been made that this is a new company, with new equipment and a new name. The facts are just the opposite: the problematic equipment from the Northside that caused two explosions is being moved to the Southeast side; the same leaders here will be in charge there; the same family that has owned the Northside operation still owns a massive stake in the company; and the company is actually the same one since RMG purchased General Iron last year and operates the northside facility!

Again, the city has ample evidence and resident support to deny this permit. No resident should have to sacrifice their health for economic opportunity - especially residents on the Southeast side.

Sincerely,

Chicago Resident

From: Kara Thomas [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 6:23 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

I am in favor of granting Southside Recycling the necessary permits to complete it's project in Chicago. Metal recycling is good for the Earth and good for Chicago. I feel confident that RMG cares about doing the right thing and that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community.

Thanks,
Kara Thomas

From: Eric Levine <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 6:45 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Saving The Environment

[Warning: External email]


Good Morning,

I wanted to take a minute to show my support for the new recycling program in Chicago. Being environmentally conscious and responsible is of the utmost importance to us as people whether we realize it or not.

Southside Recycling by RMG is on the way and I think this is a very good thing. RMG takes its responsibility to the environment seriously. They have gone above and beyond to ensure the proper equipment and necessary tools are in place to recycle responsibly in compliance with all environmental standards.

This is going to be the most modern recycling facility in the entire midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will end up going to other recycling facilities, most of which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new recycling operation should be embraced by the people of Chicago. Southside recycling will be the safest, most environmentally friendly facility in the city of Chicago. It will create good jobs and can help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations. Metals recycling is good for the Earth. We know that RMG cares about doing the right thing and I'm confident that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive business that will continue to do just that.

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Eric Levine 
[REDACTED]

From: John Dohar [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 6:58 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: I am In favor of Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

Southside Recycling will be the safest, most environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago. It will create jobs and can help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations. RMG group is a fantastic friend to the community and should be granted the permits needed to operate in Chicago.

From: Cameron Keefe [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 7:05 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Southside Recycling Project Comments

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern,

RMG has been a community-conscious South Side business for more than 30 years. They have always been good neighbors and are proud to support the Southeast Side of Chicago Food Pantry which operates on their property.

RMG has stood by their community to help provide jobs and services for the region on the Southside of Chicago.

Taking away their ability to process and help the environment may be detrimental in the long term effects of the city's economy, pollution control, and over all carbon/toxin levels. Note that with education and support RMG can lead the state towards a brighter future. RMG can process and move precious metals and keep their own environmental impact low, which many, large shred operations cannot – due to size and oversight.

Please keep in mind as a responsible recycling company; RMG has held itself to the highest of standards over the past decades, and will continue to do so in the future – if/when given the opportunity to by the great Southside region of Chicago.

Respectfully,
Cameron Keefe

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From: Bruce Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 7:32 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG and it's new business

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern,

RMG is a great company and should be allowed to continue keeping the environment clean of recyclable materials. Moving the operation to the South Side is a good opportunity to bolster the economy and create new jobs for the South Side of Chicago!!!

Sincerely,

Bruce H. Miller

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jim [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 8:28 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Southside Recycling Project

[Warning: External email]

I am an older gentleman who has been involved with many companies throughout my career. My wife and I would be considered liberal minded, we believe in green initiatives and what is good for the environment. From our perspective RMG and South Side Recycling have gone above and beyond the norm when it comes to assuring that their operations don't harm the environment and that their equipment does not harm or pollute the air. When comparing shredder operations and recycling companies throughout Illinois and Chicago no other operation has put into place the level of environmental protections and pollution controls as RMG and Southside Recycling.

I have worked for British Petroleum (Amoco Corporation) and resigned because of their lack of regard for the environment. I am proud of what RMG and Southside Recycling has put into place for the environment and so should the City and the Neighborhood.

Sincerely,

James Czerniak

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[REDACTED]

From: Maureen D Foresman [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 8:36 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron | RMG's Permit for Southeast

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Sincerely,
Maureen Foresman

Chicago Resident

From: Cristina Rodriguez [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 8:49 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: NO to General Iron in the 10th Ward

[Warning: External email]

Dear Mayor Lightfoot,

I'm writing to express my extreme concerns related to General Iron's planned relocation to Chicago's East Side neighborhood. This company has a history of causing high rates of pollution that impacts surrounding communities. Earlier this year, there was a major explosion at the General Iron's current location on the north side of Chicago.

This company should NOT be allowed to operate in our city and should not relocate to the south side. It's obvious that the impact of this company's operations would cause harmful consequences to the health of residents in the community -- the permit request **should be rejected**.

I am a resident in the community which already has pollution and materials from the old steel mill plants that negatively impact the community and is a huge public health concern. Additionally, the toxic fumes from the manufacturing plants and refineries in Indiana constantly travel to our neighborhood and terrible fumes can be smelled. These toxic fumes are negatively impacting the health of residents in the surrounding areas and it's appalling that anyone is considering the authorization of yet another pollution-causing company to operate in our already very disadvantaged neighborhood.

Thanks for your attention to this matter and for prioritizing and protecting the health of the residents of the 10th ward.

Thank you,
Cristina Rodriguez

From: Dustin Jamison [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 8:49 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Support for RMG/Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

I would like to send this notice as support for Reserve Management Group and the new Southside Recycling facility in Chicago.

I have been employed by RMG for 20 years. The attention to detail that we perform on all aspects of our recycling businesses from safety, environmental, employee health and well being is all the best of any company I have ever worked with or for.

The Southside Recycling facility is going to be the most environmentally friendly metal recycling facility in the country. As a lifelong registered democrat and self proclaimed "tree hugger", I am having a hard time understanding the backlash to have this type of facility especially at the location where it is being built. Recycling is KEY to the sustainability of this planet we live on. We MUST recycle as much as we possibly can. We cannot keep filling landfills with old appliances and car parts.

Please take this in consideration when approving the permits needed to keep Chicago and our country clean and at the forefront of sustainable recycling.

Thank you,

Dustin Jamison

From: Rebecca Ryerson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 8:50 AM
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Sincerely,

Rebecca Ryerson
Chicago Resident

From: Ricardo DeLeon [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 8:54 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: REJECT General Iron in 10th Ward

[Warning: External email]

Hello Mayor Lightfoot,

As a lifelong resident of Chicago's East Side neighborhood, I am writing to you to very strongly oppose the relocation of General Iron to my community. We are already significantly burdened with high pollution from surrounding manufacturing companies and the BP refinery. We also have ongoing issues and negative health impacts related to the toxic environment left behind by the old steel mills.

This community needs to be protected by the EPA and our government officials. If General Iron is allowed into our neighborhood, it will be a significant setback and pose a profound negative impact on our community's well being. We are suffering from high cancer rates and respiratory problems.

Please REJECT their request and permit and protect our residents — we are counting on you to do the right thing and support environmental justice and our public's health.

Thank you for your time, our community is depending on you now more than ever.

Thank you,
Ricardo DeLeon
[REDACTED]

From: Anthony Guinta [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 9:06 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: South Side Recycling

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern,

I have been an employee at RMG for several years working in their IT department as IT manager. Being in the manufacturing sector for most of my career. I have seen and worked for companies where I have witnessed improper handling of materials that would negatively impact our environment. This is not the case with RMG. The owners of RMG keep environmental safety and safety their employees as well as the general public at the top of their priorities list.

I would like to add RMG has created countless jobs in various states and cities and given back to the public. This includes a food bank at one of our properties in the south side. Upon other things, Southside Recycling will be the most advanced metal recycling in the Midwest, which will not only create more jobs, it will set a new high standard for which other industries should follow suit.

It is deeply saddening the hoops that a recycling company has to jump through to provide an essential service to its public. Recycling is important for our communities, manufacturing industries as well as our planet. Without metal recycling many products sold to consumers would not be available today. I would like to further add, without metal recycling consumer waste would be dumped into landfills.

Without a permit for South Side Recycling, this consumer and industrial metal scrap would go to other recycling facilities that will not match the modern and environmental standards set by RMG and Southside Recycling.

Thank you for your time.

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From: Mark Oktavec [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 9:11 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside Recycling and RMG Group

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern,

I wanted to send our my comments on the opposition to the expansion of Southside Recycling and RMG Group.

I have been a loyal vendor to RMG group for about 14 years. During that time we have come to know RMG Group as a fully responsible provider of professional recycling. I have assisted them in collection from multiple Fortune 500 companies consolidations of used IT equipment, printers, cell phones(and batteries) and much more that would end up in your solid waste stream. Centran Logistics alone assisted in the movement of about 40,000,000 lbs this year alone of what is now being turned away by Goodwill, Salvation Army and others due to they have no way of dealing with the issues that come along with older IT equipment.

I have been to several RMG facilities across the country and the safety measures for the trash stream as well as the air, ground and noise pollution created by this type of handling. I talk daily with long time employees of RMG Group and I know there is no health issues inside of these facilities due to the care they take in Professional Recycling.

If proud companies like RMG group where not in the middle of the waste stream your Sky Fills(land fills) that I have driven past over the years would eventually eclipse the Sears Tower!

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns you may have about RMG...a Green Company!

I look forward to any comments you may have.

Thanks,
MarkO

PS Should not the City of Chicago be active in the proper collection of the cities waste stream?

All quotes and transit estimates are are good based on today's market. Rates have been inclining and declining daily. Please always verify that rates are still good at the tie of shipping.



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From: Brian Swab [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 9:12 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG's Southside Recycling Project

[Warning: External email]

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for RMG's Southside Recycling Project. In my professional career I have worked as a consultant and/or employee at LTV Steel, US Steel, Aleris, Cliffs Natural Resources, Inco, Newmont Mining, Dow Chemical, Alcan, and Novelis. I am confident in saying that RMG's safety and environmental standards are some of the strictest I have ever seen. The new equipment and technology being employed will make RMG's facility one of the most modern and environmentally responsible in the midwest, and quite possibly in the nation. RMG is bringing quality jobs to the area while also operating in an industry that is keeping harmful metals and toxins out of our landfills. Unrelated to their direct business, RMG continues to also support the Chicago Food Pantry (Southeast) and I believe RMG to be an asset to your city and the Chicagoland area.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Brian Swab

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Brian Swab
[REDACTED]

From: Joe Juliano [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 9:26 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Support metal recycling and the Southside Recycling project

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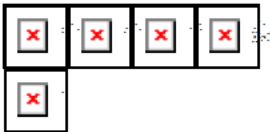
To whom it may concern,

I wanted to take this opportunity to show my support for the Southside Recycling project. Recycling metal helps reduce mining emissions and they consume less energy than refining metal. It will also will help slow the problem of our ever growing landfills. This will also provide an opportunity to grow jobs in a market that has been devastated by the current Covid-19 pandemic.

I hope you take all this into serious consideration.

Thanks,

—
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From: Trea Reeseey [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 10:13 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Statement Regarding Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

Good Morning,

I am very disturbed in hearing about the people speaking out against the start - up of Southside Recycling in Chicago. I personally work for RMG and am very aware of our diligence in making sure our operations function in a clean and eco responsible way in order to achieve our goals. In particular, the recycling of materials in order to HELP save the environment and to re - introduce materials to the commodity market that otherwise would require manufacturing that CAN, in many cases, have detrimental effects on the environment. Please also consider the many careers that this facility will provide for the area, especially in these difficult and uncertain times. This will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers. Look for the truth in this opportunity and please don't listen to prejudiced, unfounded allegations and projections from people who have no idea what the benefits of modern industries are to this country and how they can Make America GREAT.

Thank you
Walter Clare Reeseey III
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From: mark kordahi [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 11:02 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

Hi,
Metal recycling is good for the Earth and good for Chicago. We know that RMG cares about doing the right thing and we are confident that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community.
Thank you

From: Kevin Petrak [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 11:06 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Southside Recycling Expansion

[Warning: External email]

I am writing to say that I support the opportunity for Southside Recycling to be issued a permit to operate in Chicago. Having worked for the company for the last 10 years, I see how the ownership and fellow employees work tirelessly to make sure that the day to day operations of the various companies is held up to the highest standards of safety and environmental friendliness that can be achieved. I am proud to work for a company that strives to keep recyclable materials out of the landfills. I really hope that we are given the opportunity to continue our involvement in the Southside community and provide opportunities for employment to its local residents.

Regards,

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From: Reeves, Dick [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 11:19 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Support for Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern,
Metal recycling is good for the Earth and good for Chicago. We know that RMG cares about doing the right thing and we are confident that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community.

Southside Recycling is installing pollution control equipment that will make it the most advanced facility of its kind in Chicago and the entire Midwest.

RMG has been a long-time creator of good jobs in Chicago, and this new business will bring even more jobs to our facility on the South Side.

Sincerely,



Dick Reeves | Director Resource Recovery
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From: Gary Brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 11:26 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG - Southside Recycling

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Hey City of Chicago,

As a progressive city you should know that metal and all recycling is good for all. We know that RMG cares about doing the right thing and we are confident that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community.

Thanks,

Gary Brown

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From: Chris Adzia [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 11:28 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Support of RMG - Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

To Whom It May Concern,

As an employee of RMG for almost eight years, I have never experienced a time when employee, vendor, visitor or community safety was not the number one priority of the company. I know RMG will continue to care about doing the right thing and I am 100% confident that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community. As a professional with over 20 years of experience, I have zero hesitation to give my support to the Company and the standards with which it operates.

Sincere thanks,

Christopher D. Adzia

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From: Oyster, Kevin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 11:34 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Support for Southside Recycling Project

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

I am writing to show my support for the expansion of Southside Recycling.

We have worked with Reserve Management group for years, and understand that this will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers.

Thank you,
Kevin Oyster

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From: Ava Augustus [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 11:39 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Southside Recycling

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Hello,

I am in favor of Reserve Management Group move to the southeast side.

RMG takes its responsibility to the environment seriously. They have invested in measures that meet or exceed all environmental standards. They are truly committed to being stewards of the environment.

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From: Blenda Czerniak [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 12:04 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Permit

[Warning: External email]

RMG has gone to great lengths to design and build a state of the art recycling facility.

Air, water, and land have been carefully considered to protect the environment. RMG is committed to being of benefit to both the neighborhood and the region. This value is lived out through careful manufacturing process, strict pollution controls, and neighborhood outreach.

The city should be proud to have a showplace recycling plant that will keep metals out of landfill, and help to preserve our global environment in such a thoughtful and conscientious manner.

Permits should be gladly granted.

Blenda Czerniak

From: laurie [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 12:12 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Reserve Management Group I Southside Recycling project

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City officials and staff,

I fully support this new facility. This will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers.

Further, Southside Recycling will be the safest, most environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago. It will create good jobs and can help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations.

Please support this project.

From: yolanda deAnda [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 1:07 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Support of South Side recycling

[Warning: External email]

I am long time resident of the east side. I welcome a company that can provide more jobs and opportunities for other businesses to flourish.

The only thing I ask is that the company follow the the environmental regulations for safety of employees and community.

Yolanda Deanda

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From: Ashley, Jordan [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 1:09 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG

[Warning: External email]

God afternoon,

I am reaching out in regards to RMG and their new facility.

RMG has been a community-conscious South Side business for more than 30 years. They have always been good neighbors and are proud to support the Southeast Side of Chicago Food Pantry which operates on their property. This is a southside staple especially in job production for many.

Thank you for your time.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: steven dery [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 1:29 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside recycling

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern:

This email serves as a letter of support for the Southside Recycling project of RMG.

RMG has been a responsible and conscientious part of the south side community, and a positive business partner in the greater Chicago area. Their new recycling facility will be good for business, good for people, and good for the future of the planet.

RMG has been at the forefront of metal reclamation and recycling, before it became one of the popular issues of the day. They have taken risks and put in the effort, and again have created jobs, business opportunities, and technological/environmental advancements; Please do your part and approve their permits. It's a win/win for everybody involved.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Steven Dery

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Beth Dery [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 1:36 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Reserve Management Group

[Warning: External email]

Hi--

I wanted to let you know that I am 100% in favor of Reserve Management Group and the incredible job they have done with Southside Recycling. They have invested incredible amounts of time, energy and resources to develop the most advanced facility of its kind. I am beyond impressed with their efforts and very happy that they took over the project.

Please give them your approval so they can continue to be the kind of responsible neighbor they have been for the last 30 years.

Thank you for listening,
Beth Dery

From: Gonzalo Reyes [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 1:52 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG

[Warning: External email]

RMG has been in the community-conscious south side business for more than 30 years. I've been living in the south side of Chicago for 45 years, it's a Great job,. It's a Great feeling working in your own neighborhood. I would really love to continue working here. They do a lot for the community. I stand with RMG

Gonzalo F Reyes

From: Sarah Jarvis [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 1:54 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron | RMG's Permit for Southeast

[Warning: External email]

Dear City of Chicago and Department of Public Health:

I'm a current neighbor of General Iron, now RMG, on the city's Northside. I know first hand that this company, its leaders and its equipment do not belong in my neighborhood on the Northside and they most certainly do not belong on the Southeast side.

That's why I request that you DENY General Iron | RMG's request for the final permit to operate in Southeast Chicago.

Despite the promises that have been made to the city, they will not be kept. Just look at General Iron and RMG's record over the years: multiple fires, explosions, building violations, OSHA violations. The U.S. EPA—under Donald Trump no less—has found General Iron's actions to be so egregious that it forced the company into a legally binding consent order. And even that is violated again and again.

Numerous false arguments have been made that this is a new company, with new equipment and a new name. The facts are just the opposite: the problematic equipment from the Northside that caused two explosions is being moved to the Southeast side; the same leaders here will be in charge there; the same family that has owned the Northside operation still owns a massive stake in the company; and the company is actually the same one since RMG purchased General Iron last year and operates the northside facility!

Again, the city has ample evidence and resident support to deny this permit. No resident should have to sacrifice their health for economic opportunity - especially residents on the Southeast side.

Sincerely,
Sarah Jarvis

Chicago Resident

From: Mac D [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 2:08 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: I support the environment so I support RMG

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern,

My name is Mac DeLozier and I have been in the scrap recycling industry for the past 15 years. Over that time I have been around metal recycling systems of all kinds. I attest from my experience and knowledge in the industry, that the system that RMG at Southside Recycling is constructing, is the most technologically advanced and environmentally conscious system I have ever seen.

Denying RMG a permit, would be very irresponsible and negligent. All recyclable scrap products that RMG would process through their state-of-the-art system, would eventually end up in landfills or at other recycling facilities with practices and systems sub-par and poorly controlled.

RMG I'm sure has invested substantially in this process, and the 10th Ward Community and the City of Chicago should be welcoming and thankful for that. They provide a service that's most essential in any metropolitan area, and we should be so lucky that RMG has decided to build one here for us.

I trust that clearer heads prevail and a permit is granted.

Sincerely,

Mac DeLozier

From: Paul Joseph [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 2:09 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Reserve and the Southside Recycling Project

[Warning: External email]

To the city:

Southside Recycling will be the safest, most environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago. It will create good jobs and can help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations. Metal recycling is good for the Earth and good for Chicago. We know that RMG cares about doing the right thing and we are confident that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community.

This property has been zoned for industrial businesses for many many years, certainly longer than Reserve has been around.

Paul Joseph

From: Debbie Joseph [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 2:10 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Reserve Management Group

[Warning: External email]

To Whom it May Concern:

RMG has been a community-conscious South Side business for more than 30 years. They have always been good neighbors and are proud to support the Southeast Side of Chicago Food Pantry which operates on their property. This will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers.

Recycling is environmentally beneficial. This is a good project. What's the problem?

Debbie Joseph

From: Raymond Sabol [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 2:22 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Subject: Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

As a long time resident of the Eastside of Chicago area, I have witnessed many changes over the past 50+ years. As a child, I remember when Republic Steel was a full functioning steel mill. I remember the heavy traffic during shift changes and I also remember the neighborhood being very dirty. Since then, Republic Steel has closed it's doors and a recycling company has purchased that facility creating jobs and much needed tax revenue for the City of Chicago. I have been one of those employees for nearly 20 years. Reserve Management Group cares a great deal about their neighbors as well as their employees. Supporting local restaurants through catering as well as thousands of dollars in local gift cards for their employees. Employees are also supporting the local businesses during lunch and personal shopping

Unfortunately, a group of individuals have not taken the time to research and understand the benefits that Southside Recycling will bring to the area. The former General Iron of Lincoln Park is NOT moving to the Southeast Side. Reserve Management Group purchased the assets, NOT the Company. Brand new equipment is being installed with a heavy emphasis on PROTECTING the environment with the shredding operation being enclosed with a state of the art air filtering system. As a long time employee of Reserve Management Group, I have personally witnessed their concerns and respect for the neighborhood and particularly the environment. This operation will be far better than the neighborhood endured for 100+ years when it was operating as a steel mill!

I am asking you to please not let the opinions of a few take away the benefits that will help the economy of the Southeast Side of Chicago as well as much needed revenue to the entire City of Chicago.

Thank you,
Tracy Sabol
Whiting, Indiana

From: Capone, Lauren [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 2:46 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Supporting RMG and standing behind it's business

[Warning: External email]

RMG has been a community-conscious South Side business for more than 30 years. They have always been good neighbors and are proud to support the Southeast Side of Chicago Food Pantry which operates on their property.

Regards,

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From: John Mick [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 2:50 PM
To: envcomments
Attachments: general iron letter.docx

[Warning: External email]

Greetings,

I understand that there are still some protests over General Iron industries moving from the north side to the new south side location on the RMC property. I'd like to share some very positive things about the company and how they will be a blessing for their new neighbors, not the evil empire that some misinformed citizens make them out to be.

RMG has been a community-conscious South Side business for more than 30 years. They have always been good neighbors and are **proud to support the Southeast Side of Chicago Food Pantry which operates on their property**. The new facility will incorporate state of the art equipment to insure a clean and healthy environment for everyone. The company employs a large staff of workers that make a very good wage. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues the city is becoming a ghost town with all of the business closings. Many industries are decimated and thousands of Chicagoans are unemployed and hopeless. In the midst of this we have at least one bright spot; RMC & General Iron Industries! The city should embrace this fine company and support them in their efforts. Instead of protests in the streets there should be a welcome wagon parked in front of RMC/General Iron thanking them for the decision to stay in Chicago! Allow me to repeat, **there should be a welcome wagon!**

In June I drafted a letter to the city counsel on behalf of General Iron and a copy is attached for your review. Please take the time to read it.

Respectfully,

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Open letter in support of General Iron Industries remaining a Chicago institution.

To whom it may concern,

I first started doing business with General Iron in the 1980's when the company was in a growth pattern and the neighborhood was a tough but thriving industrial enclave. I recall meeting Adam Labkon and walking the property to look over his conveyor system in hopes of becoming his conveyor belt supplier. I have been proud to work with Adam and his crew ever since.

Having over 40 years in business to business experience I believe my opinion that General Iron operates with the highest integrity possible carries some weight. Out of the hundreds of industrial companies I've worked with no one has been a better business partner than General Iron under the guidance of the Labkon family. I have seen firsthand how the neighborhood has changed over the years and witnessed the extraordinary actions the company has taken to peacefully and ethically coexist with the changing dynamics.

It's my understanding that the company plans to relocate to the south side of Chicago. I don't think the decision makers at city hall should hesitate a minute in approving the move. General Iron Industries has a rich history in Chicago and are, in fact, part of the story of Chicago. Scores of business' have left the city for various reasons over the past 20-30 years.

Other states and in some cases, other countries, are happy to have these entities within their jurisdiction. General Iron is Chicago and should remain here. I urge the city officials to give the moving project their favorable attention in order to retain a great Chicago business run by some great people.

Sincerely,

John Mick
C.E.O. Concept-Logic, LLC

Air Compressors, Dryers & Parts

From: Lee Gibson [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 3:06 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Reserve Management Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you on behalf of Reserve Group who is seeking a permit for a state-of-the-art new metal recycling facility in Chicago. We have done business with Reserve Management Group for years and believe they are excellent environmental stewards and truly care about the communities in which they operate.

This will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers. Metal recycling is good for the Earth and good for Chicago. We know that RMG cares about doing the right thing and we are confident that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community.

Thank you,
Lee Gibson
President



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From: perzfamily [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 3:38 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

I am having significant difficulty understanding why people who claim to be environmentalists are fighting the permitting of an environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago??

We need more of these facilities to move forward on saving our environment!!!

From: Heather Schlang [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 4:56 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern,

I'm wholly in favor of Southside Recycling being granted a permit to establish their business.

Reserve Management Group (RMG), the team responsible for this new business venture, has been on the South Side for more than 30 years and is a good neighbor to the community. The company is proud to support the Southeast Side of Chicago Food Pantry, which operates on the property.

Regarding environmental concerns, Southside Recycling will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. RMG has invested in measures that meet or exceed all environmental standards. The company will be a model for cleaner industrial operations and should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers. Metal recycling is good for the Earth and good for Chicago. Denying a permit means that recycling will go to other facilities which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use.

RMG has been a long-time creator of good jobs in Chicago, and this new business will bring more good paying jobs to the South Side.

Sincerely,
Heather Schlang

Sent from my iPhone

From: Linda Dery [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 6:11 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG recycling project

[Warning: External email]

As an environmentalist, I believe it is extremely important to support RMG in their safe recycling project in SE Chicago. This environmentally responsible Co. is exactly what our country and Chicago needs. RMG will be a supportive and very safe neighbor for SE Chicago.
Linda Dery

Sent from my iPhone

From: Dana Levine [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 6:24 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

This will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers.

Best,
Dana Levine

From: janda_666 [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 7:33 PM
To: envcomments

[Warning: External email]

I am long time resident of the east side. I welcome a company that can provide more jobs and opportunities for other businesses to flourish.

The only thing I ask is that the company follow the the environmental regulations for safety of employees and community.

Jessica Venegas

From: Bob Rodriguez [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 7:40 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: NO General Iron in the 10th WARD

[Warning: External email]

My name is Robert Rodriguez and for my entire life I have been a resident of the 10th Ward. For the past five decades I have been a resident of the Hegewisch Community. My father, grandfather and several uncles were all steel workers, salt of the earth, dedicated to earning a living. My father was a steel worker at US Steel and Wisconsin Steel and eventually retired from the Ford Motor Assembly plant on Torrence Avenue. My father-in-law was a former steel worker who lost his pension when Wisconsin Steel claimed their parent company went bankrupt. My family lived in South Chicago, East Side and Hegewisch neighborhoods. I can recall watching my family members walk to work at the entrance of US Steel over in the Bush neighborhood or dropping family off for work at the entrance of Wisconsin Steel on Torrence Avenue or drove down Avenue O to Republic Steel to drop off or pick up family members.

I still remember the constant noise pollution coming from the mills, the constant train traffic, the constant truck traffic and most of all, I remember the red dust that would fall from the skies on a regular basis, especially from Republic Steel. I lived on 130th east of Baltimore and vividly remember the smelly red dust that covered our cars, sidewalks, trees, grass and house like a fine coating of snow, but it was red and happened a lot. I also recall the torpedo shaped train cars that were packed with glowing red-hot molten products or steel rumbling by our house so many times during the day and night that the foundation for our newly constructed house eventually cracked.

I also recall that there were several small ponds on the other side of the tracks and as kids we were able to fish, swim, and ice skate on the ponds. The ponds were clean, fed by the water from Wolf Lake but eventually Republic Steel somehow took possession of the land surrounding the ponds and eventually Republic Steel began to dump waste material into and around the ponds, this dumping of waste material continued for years. Those of us that witnessed the dumping first hand initially believed the mill was stockpiling coal, because there used to be train cars filled with coal that traveled the same tracks as the molten steel.

The **dumping** of the environmentally hazardous waste material continued for years and suddenly the clean ponds no longer existed. The material dumped into the ponds kept getting bigger, wider and eventually the ponds no longer existed. The small creek that somehow survived the dumping is now green, smells awful and I'm sure the creek is contaminated. I believe that Republic Steel created an environmental crisis and health crisis to the residents of the 10th Ward. I also believe that this waste material is a leading cause of cancer in our neighborhood. For more than 20 years my family lived less than a half mile from the dumping of hazardous material by Republic Steel.

I believe that this environmental hazard contributed to the cause of my mother's cancer, which eventually caused her death. My family did not choose to live next door to a dumping ground, Republic Steel chose to pollute our neighborhood with waste material.

Now, driving into the 10th Ward from north to south, along the reconfigured South Shore Drive, there is the vast, depressing emptiness created by the demolition of US Steel Works. Get to 92nd street Bridge, southeast side of the bridge there used to be a car shredding business, right next door to Gornick Auto Rebuilders. I think this business was shut down because of oil, antifreeze and other materials were found to be leaking or dumped into the river thus polluting the river.

As you cross the 92nd Street bridge going south onto Ewing Avenue there is another scrap yard. Along the river in the same general area nothing but industrial storage on the banks of the river. Go to the 95th Street Bridge, same type of industrial businesses and storage, along with a boat marina. The area of the 100th street bridge is the former site for Pet-Coke storage, and an industrial site ,along both sides of the river and there is a giant City of Chicago salt pile. West of the 106th street bridge, former site for Pet-Coke storage, south side of 106th street there is an industrial truck, heavy equipment and bus salvage yard, I'm sure this property is an environmental nightmare. Southeast side of the 106th street bridge, scrap yard on the river, within one block of residential homes. Northeast side of 106th street bridge, industrial site. Travel south on Torrence Avenue there is an abandoned slag mill on the east side of the street, this property is an environmental disaster, eye-sore, disgusting that the City of Chicago of the Federal Government has not taken action to remediate this property.

Drive to the 10th Ward on the Dan Ryan to the Bishop Ford Expressways. At 103rd Street exit, near Stony Island there is another industrial site, one of which spews an awful smell into the air on a regular basis. 103rd street also has a huge CTA Bus garage, CPD Fueling station and a storage yard for City of Chicago trucks and heavy equipment. Also at 103rd street there is a switching and storage yard for trains, including numerous locomotives and there is a City of Chicago storage yard for seized or towed vehicles. The 10th Ward has HarborSide Golf Course which is built on a garbage landfill, there is the Port of Illinois, that is vastly underused and in a state of disrepair, an abandoned ship has been moored there for about 10 years! There is also a business that creates products to resurface streets with blacktop.

At 130th Street eastbound, along the river there is the Maryland Pig Iron Scrap Yard, the Lafarge Cement Factory which accepts overweight trucks from Indiana and the trucks are transporting material used to make cement through a residential neighborhood. Many of these trucks are uncovered while in transit through the neighborhood, they fail to adhere to speed limits, stop signs and at times spill material out of the back of the trucks. Also at 130th there is a newly built semi-truck storage and parking facility. And of course the 10th Ward has the granddaddy of all garbage dumps along the Bishop Ford Expressway. And there is the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Raw Sewage Treatment Plant that recently had an on site explosion.

Enter the 10th Ward from the suburb of Burnham or State of Indiana-At 13600 S. Avenue O there is Azcon Scrap Metals- which actually scraps railroad box cars and also accepts rail cars that were used to transport hazardous materials. This business has a large blue abandoned building on its property, which has been abandoned for about twenty years now, the entire Azcon property is an eye sore; the entire entrance of the property is overrun with weeds, fencing is in a state of disrepair and ugly; fencing on the north side of the building along the railroad tracks, same thing ugly and in a state of disrepair. The abandoned building on their property recently somehow caught on fire, the building should be repaired or torn down. There is machinery on the property that is responsible for excessive noise pollution, there is heavy equipment such as bulldozers, backhoes, cranes and trucks that are responsible for polluting the air, all within a half block of residential homes. And directly across the street from Azcon, a Senior Suites Building! In my opinion, the seniors are at risk by living so close. As you drive down Brainerd Avenue to and from Indiana, scrap yard right on the Illinois-Indiana Border. There will be a new South Shore Train Station right across the street from this scrap yard station and about a block or two south of the new train station, another scrap yard. At Brainerd and Avenue O, a disgusting site right across from the Burger King, this embarrassing site used to have plans of being developed to have a small retail store or shops. Instead the property has become a site for fly dumping, abandoned vehicles, there is an abandoned building that is about to collapse, fencing is falling down and in disrepair, terrible

I apologize for this long winded response, but the 10th ward has been the dumping ground for waste for more than 60 years. My former co-workers refer to the 10th Ward as -the Ward That the City Forgot or The Ward That Glows At Night From Pollution.

At some point, Local, State and Federal Governments have to take a stand for the future of the children and families of the 10th Ward.

My opinion- ENOUGH- the 10th Ward does NOT need another environmental hazardous waste business such as General Iron.

From: Francisco Amaya [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 9:04 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside recycling project

[Warning: External email]

RMG cares about the Earth by recycling it helps create jobs and clear communities of metal waist. The new facility Southside Recycling will be equipped with the most advanced eco friendly equipment to prevent any type of pollution to be toxic to the environment. It will also create many jobs in that area helping the economy. I am 100% in favor of RMG and the Southside Recycling Project.

From: Leslie Resnik [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 9:55 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: In support of Southside recycling

[Warning: External email]

RMG, the parent company of Southside recycling, has been a community-conscious South Side business for more than 30 years. They have always been good neighbors and have proudly supported the Southeast Side of Chicago Food Pantry which operates on their property.

Additionally, this will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use.

I know that Southside Recycling will be the safest, most environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago and most importantly, that it will create good jobs and can help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations.

This is an important and safe project.

[REDACTED]

From: TJ Mothersbaugh [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 11:24 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

Our company provided the advanced stormwater treatment system that was recently installed at the new Southside Recycling facility. For my part, I worked closely with the environmental and management teams over multiple years to develop a robust system for the facility. They flew out and met me a site in Oregon that is one of the most heavily regulated scrap metal recycling facilities in the country. Even though the regulations were not as stringent in Illinois, they told me they wanted to be a world-class facility from an environmental standpoint. They now have top of the line equipment in place, and we'll be supporting them for years to come. If you have any questions about the stormwater treatment system in place at the facility, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

TJ

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From: Claims [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 12:27 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Support the RMG / Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

To: Whom it may concerns

We are a scrap metal trading company with head office in Hong Kong, we have been working with RMG for more than 20 years, as our long-term business partner, we recognize RMG is a high integrity and responsible company. We are looking forward to do more business with RMG and its new facility on the south side Chicago.

On behalf of BLG, I strongly support RMG for expansion of operations in Chicago with the construction of a new business called Sothside Recycling.

Your sincerely

Abraham Lam

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 12:43 AM
To: Mark Drury; envcomments
Subject: Re: Support General Iron/Southside Recycling, public comment letters

[Warning: External email]

Dear All,

Well noted.

You are always got our support.

Many thanks!

From: [Mark Drury](#)
Date: 2020-12-10 07:00
To:
Subject: Support General Iron/Southside Recycling, public comment letters

Dear Supply Partner,

As you may already be aware, we have one last chance to tell the city why we support the RMG / Southside Recycling. Please read the attachment and lend your support to our new home by sending an email to envcomments@cityofchicago.org before December 30th.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Mark Drury

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From: michael brown [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 5:12 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Permit

[Warning: External email]

“This will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers.”

From: Bruce Miller [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 7:22 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG new business

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern,

RMG provides a great resource of employment and much needed recycling to the 10th ward. The owners of this company have been kind enough to allow a food bank to be set up in one of their existing office buildings which supplies food to those in need. I have worked for this company for 20 years and they have done nothing but improve the environment, practice safety for all employees and provide much needed service to the public. Please allow this company to continue to operate in this area for the better of our community.

Sincerely,

Bruce H. Miller

Sent from my iPhone

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From: William Cullen [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 7:40 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside Recycling - RMG

[Warning: External email]

Good Morning,

RMG has been a community-conscious South Side business for more than 30 years. They have been great neighbors and very proud to support the Southeast Side of Chicago. RMG takes its responsibility to the environment seriously. They have invested in measures that meet or exceed all environmental standards. They are truly committed to being stewards of the environment. I am a strong believer that this new facility will bring great opportunities for the south side of Chicago.

Thank you,
Bill

William J Cullen III | Vice President

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From: Bridget McCann [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:02 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

I am in favor of Southside Recycling because RMG has met and exceeded all environmental standards and they are truly committed to the environment.

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From: Courtney Mrozowski [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:04 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG New Business

[Warning: External email]

I stand by RMG's new business.

Sincerely,
Courtney Mrozowski

From: Mike Milbourn [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:05 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern:

RMG will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities which lack the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility will be a pioneer in the Recycling industry and should be embraced by all of Chicago. I personally support their business and hope for their success. A cleaner environment means a cleaner Chicago.

Thank you for your time.

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From: Jim Cullen [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:06 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Permit - Yes

[Warning: External email]

To Whom it May Concern,

Recycling is good, good for our planet ,our economy, and is the right thing to do. RMG has been recycling safely for a long time and has developed plan to build a state of the art facility to the southeast side of our city. In an area that for years has been used for heavy industry, times have changed, industry has faded away but this is an opportunity of rebirth, and new industry! Let this land be used for something good for the city. We can't always say "not in my back yard" we produced the scrap we should be responsible and recycle on the southeast side.

Thank you,

Jim

James J Cullen
Project Manager/ Estimator

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From: Jason Schafer [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:06 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

I would like to voice my support for the permit approval for the new Southside Recycling facility to be operated by Reserve Management Group for the following reasons.

- RMG takes its responsibility to the environment seriously. They have invested in measures that meet or exceed all environmental standards. They are truly committed to being stewards of the environment.
- RMG has been a community-conscious South Side business for more than 30 years. They have always been good neighbors and are proud to support the Southeast Side of Chicago Food Pantry which operates on their property.
- This will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all area recycling will go to other facilities that do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers.
- Southside Recycling will be the safest, most environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago. It will create good jobs and can help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations.
- Metal recycling is good for the Earth and good for Chicago. I know that RMG cares about doing the right thing and I am confident that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community.

Thank you,
Jason

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From: Lauren [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:08 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Group

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern,

I stand by the new business.

RMG takes its responsibility to the environment seriously. They are invested in measures that meet or exceed all environmental standards. They are truly committed to being stewards of the environment.

Best,

From: Jeff Handelman [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:15 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: South Side Recycling

[Warning: External email]

I have been working for RMG 16 years now. They have always taken measures to protect the environment seriously & continue to do so. They have invested in measures that meet or exceed all environmental standards. Metal recycling is good for the Earth and good for Chicago. We know that RMG cares about doing the right thing and we are confident that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community.

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From: Isabelle Golovan [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:18 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG

[Warning: External email]

Southside Recycling will be the safest most environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago. It will create good jobs and can help make the south side a model for cleaner industrial operations.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 9:13 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: South Side

[Warning: External email]

To All Concerning Parties,

I would like to make a quick comment on the proposed location of South Shore Recycling. I understand there has been some opposition about the construction of a state of the art Recycling Center planned for the south side. As you are aware of by the plans that have been submitted this will be the Standard of the Industry Facility in the Midwest. It will employ all the latest equipment to minimize any environmental impact. This facility is being built with the people in mind to minimize any public discomfort. RMG is committed to providing sustaining jobs that are living wages. They also provide a vital essential service for our nation and economy. I think some people look at this the wrong way sometimes. I have seen their steadfast commitment to provide a tough necessary service. I think RMG should be commended on their past, current and certainly future conduct with their value to the community vastly understated.

Mike Sample
President
Cedar Street Investments, LLC
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From: ANTHONY VIZGIRDA [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 9:23 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

I am 57 year resident of Chicago and I support recycling and Southside Recycling project! Metal recycling is good for the earth, the US and Chicago. This new facility will be the newest, cleanest and safest recycling facility in the US and it should be approved for operation. It will also create numerous jobs that the residents of Chicago desperately need! This will be a win for Chicago.

Anthony Vizgirda

From: Tim Lau [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 9:36 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Fully support RMG and Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

As a 13-year experienced scrap metal guy,
I adamantly stand behind RMG and its new business Southside Recycling.

We know firmly their scrap metal technology is state-of-the-art, and always protect the environment by recycling the scrap metal from being dumped into landfill, which would be truly polluting.

RMG/Southside Recycling will be the safest, most environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago. It will create good jobs and can help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations.

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From: Roger Rodby [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 9:36 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Deny General Iron | RMG's Permit for Southeast

[Warning: External email]

Dear City of Chicago and Department of Public Health:

I'm a current neighbor of General Iron, now RMG, on the city's Northside. I know first hand that this company, its leaders and its equipment do not belong in my neighborhood on the Northside and they most certainly do not belong on the Southeast side.

That's why I request that you DENY General Iron | RMG's request for the final permit to operate in Southeast Chicago.

Despite the promises that have been made to the city, they will not be kept. Just look at General Iron and RMG's record over the years: multiple fires, explosions, building violations, OSHA violations. The U.S. EPA—under Donald Trump no less—has found General Iron's actions to be so egregious that it forced the company into a legally binding consent order. And even that is violated again and again.

Numerous false arguments have been made that this is a new company, with new equipment and a new name. The facts are just the opposite: the problematic equipment from the Northside that caused two explosions is being moved to the Southeast side; the same leaders here will be in charge there; the same family that has owned the Northside operation still owns a massive stake in the company; and the company is actually the same one since RMG purchased General Iron last year and operates the northside facility!

Again, the city has ample evidence and resident support to deny this permit. No resident should have to sacrifice their health for economic opportunity - especially residents on the Southeast side.

Sincerely,
Joanne Kirby [REDACTED]

Chicago Resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: Chris Tews [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 10:36 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Reserve Management Group Facility

[Warning: External email]

I am writing today to voice my support and ask for your support in regards to the new facility that is being proposed by Reserve Management Group(RMG)/Southside Recycling.

We are a direct supplier to one of their facilities in NE Wisconsin and have had a great working relationship with them for many years. Their NE Wisconsin facility is a pillar of the community that provides many well-paying jobs. They have also demonstrated over the years their on-going commitment of being respectful to the environment. A commitment they take very seriously. I have witnessed RMG make sizable investments on a regular basis that follows thru with this responsibility.

It is my understanding that this facility will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. I have no doubts that RMG will do what they say and show the rest of the world in the process how things are supposed to be done based on my experiences working with them here. Overall they are a 5 Star operation.

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"Yesterday's home runs don't win today's games."
- Babe Ruth

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From: Gary Bushue [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 10:53 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

City of Chicago,

I feel that recycling in general is good for the environment and a modern recycling facility with new pollution control equipment such as Southside Recycling's new facility on the City's South side is the safest most environmentally friendly recycling possible. I support granting a permit for RMG's new plant, Southside Recycling. Please grant Southside the necessary permit so recycling can be done at a facility that is best for the Earth.

Thanks

Gary Bushue

Sent from my iPhone

From: Mike Spiegler [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 10:57 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Southside Recycling Project

[Warning: External email]

Chicago should be very proud to have a recycling facility of this nature opened by RMG on Chicago's Southside. This will be one of the best-looking facilities in the Midwest, impressive how environmentally friendly it will be and act as a model for other companies in this industry.

Excited to see it opened and cleaning up the South Side soon!

Michael Spiegler
World Equipment & Machine Sales Co.

From: Matthew Parker [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 11:02 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

Mayor Lightfoot,

Recycling is a great thing. The City of Chicago needs to do more of it.

Thankfully there is intelligent City leadership that drives well thought out beneficial solutions to our recycling needs such as Southside Recycling.

Our community will be so much better off when this facility is fully up and running.

Respectfully
Matthew Parker

From: Matt Dery [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 11:13 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside Recycling Project

[Warning: External email]

Dear City of Chicago,

I am writing today to fully support the folks at RMG and the proposed Southside Recycling Project. This is a no brainer! First off, Southside Recycling is going to bring JOBS to that area which desperately needs them at this time. Secondly, the folks at Reserve Management Group are first class and their metal recycling endeavors ALWAYS help protect the environment.

This will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers!

With tons of family and friends in the Chicago-land area, I fully support this project. Please hop on board the Southside Recycling train!

Matt Dery

From: Julie Dery [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 11:52 AM
To: envcomments
Subject: Southside Recycling /

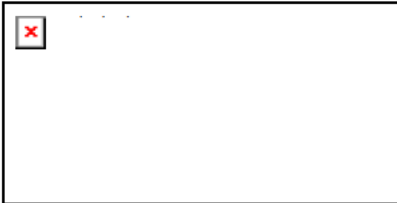
[Warning: External email]

Hi -

To whom it may concern, I fully support Southside Recycling. I believe it will be the safest, most environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago. I look forward to the job it will create and help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations.

Thank you,
Julie Dery

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Julie Dery

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W: SALTWORKSCREATIVE.COM

From: Peter Palanca [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 12:00 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG - South Side Shredder

[Warning: External email]

To Whom It May Concern,

I have been an employee of RMG for 10 years and have always worked out of our South Side location. Integrity is the core value here at RMG that is essential to be an employee at Reserve and in ALL the business that we do. We don't take short cuts here. How that applies to the matter at hand is that RMG has spent millions of dollars to make sure air quality is safe and the pollution controls are in place. The scrap metal that gets picked up in the communities around town HAS to go somewhere. I think we can all agree recycling that material is much better than going to a landfill. I can promise you that RMG has made the investments needed to ensure that we are recycling in the safest way possibly. I am a father of 3 beautiful boys and I have a beautiful wife as well. Health is extremely important to me. I work onsite here at RMG 40+ hours a week. I would never put myself or my family at risk if I thought this was an unsafe place for me to work. I am a proud to be employed at RMG.

Thank you for your time,

Peter Palanca

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From: Rochelle Williams [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 12:12 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Stop General Iron's Move to the South East Side OF Chicago!

[Warning: External email]

Dear Mayor Lightfoot and EPA officials,

It is a violation of 59 FR 7629 **federal Executive Order 12898 Environmental Justice** to move General Iron's facility to the southeast side of Chicago.

The Environmental Justice law was signed into law by then President Bill Clinton in 1994. Environmental Justice protects minority and low income communities from being exploited & abused by companies who have little to no regard to the adverse impact on the health and quality of life of the minority or low income residents of these communities.

That is the reason the facility was located on the north side in Lincoln Park in the 1st place. Lincoln Park is not a majority minority or low income community. The facility was placed in Lincoln Park because putting it there did not violate federal laws.

How can the mayor of Chicago and the Chicago EPA knowingly violate federal law? This is a shame and literally a CRIME!

Rochelle Williams-McKinley

[REDACTED]
"Peace, Be Still."

From: Steve Joseph [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 12:12 PM
To: 'Matt Dery'; envcomments
Subject: RE: Southside Recycling Project

[Warning: External email]

Thank you!

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From: Matt Dery [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 12:13 PM
To: envcomments@cityofchicago.org
Subject: Southside Recycling Project

Dear City of Chicago,

I am writing today to fully support the folks at RMG and the proposed Southside Recycling Project. This is a no brainer! First off, Southside Recycling is going to bring JOBS to that area which desperately needs them at this time. Secondly, the folks at Reserve Management Group are first class and their metal recycling endeavors ALWAYS help protect the environment.

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Matt Dery

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From: Mark Weintraub [REDACTED] >
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 12:14 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Comments Virtual Community Meeting RMG

[Warning: External email]

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter:

The Recycling Industry has been at the forefront of the Sustainability Movement for decades. Recycling provides valuable raw materials for the production of Steel, Iron, Aluminum, Copper, Plastics, Glass and other items. These scrap materials are manufactured into useable raw materials that when provided to mills and foundries provide significant energy savings, lower raw material costs, and reduces the mining for virgin material thus conserving valuable resources. This protects the Earth and its resources for the betterment of our communities and future generations.

RMG has long been a leader in utilizing technologies that increase recycling rates recovering greater amounts of resources while providing a safe work environment for our employees and the Communities in which RMG operates. RMG has long embraced the Sustainability of our communities. In addition to hiring workers from the communities where we operate and providing economic resources, RMG operates with a deep concern for the health and well-being of our employees' families and its' communities. Moreover, RMG has a proven track record of taking over and improving operations through use of the latest and safest technologies. The RMG way.

Southside Recycling will be the safest, most environmentally advanced recycling facility in Chicago, if not the entire Midwest and North America. Southside Recycling will set new and exceedingly higher standards for operating a metal recycling facility employing state of the art environmental and safety controls. It will bring over 100 good paying jobs to the community which will grow over time and inject economic value to the community. RMG has been a member of the South Side community more than 30 years and takes pride in being a good neighbor including the support of the Southeast Side Chicago Food Pantry which operates on RMG property. Southside Recycling will operate and participate as a member of the community in the long-standing community conscious tradition of RMG.

Southside Recycling is not just a major financial commitment, it is a long term moral commitment to the Sustainability of our Community and to our future generations who are already working at our facilities alongside our employees. RMG cares about doing the right thing for our communities and has a history of growth, innovation, and commitment to prove it. Our family members also work in this community, we all want a safe neighborhood and we are confident that Southside will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community.

Thank you.
Mark

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From: john rodish [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 12:57 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: East side recycling

[Warning: External email]

The new recycling company that will bring jobs to the colored community is a good thing. when republic steel mill was running none of you tree huggers cared about the youth at Washington high or elementary because it was a mostly (colored) white neighborhood now that it is brown and black it hurts the environment. all you crying and whining is doing nothing but keeping jobs out of our community. also why not the outcry about the project from 118th to 122nd street. instead of fighting for minimum wage to be higher, how about you fight for our youth to finish high school and get meaningful jobs. MINIMUM WAGE IS FOR KIDS IN HIGH SCHOOL NOT ADULTS RAISING A FAMILY.

From: Mike Malec [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 1:02 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Southside Recycling Facility

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of my support of Reserve Management Group, the future Southside Recycling facility. While I may be considered "biased" due to my employment at RMG, I feel the need to give my opinion of this first class organization as I will still be working within the confines of the facility.

RMG and its management team go above and beyond the call for the environment and the safety of the neighborhood and all parties involved. They have invested in measures that currently meet or exceed all environmental standards. They have partnered with and donated to the neighborhood little league association as well as continued support of the Southeast Side of Chicago Food Pantry which operates on their property. RMG has more than 30 years of experience in the recycling industry and will continue to provide the cleanest and most environmentally safe scrap facility not only in Chicago but in all of the United States. With RMG's expansion, it will also create the necessity for more jobs that will most certainly help the neighborhood and surrounding area.

I fully support the expansion of Reserve Management Group Southside Recycling facility.

Thank-you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Malec

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RMG Public Hearing December 10, 2020

Martha Vasquez-Weber [REDACTED]

Thu 12/10/2020 1:16 PM

To: envcomments <envcomments@cityofchicago.org>

[Warning: External email]

Good afternoon,

My name is Martha Vasquez-Weber and I consider myself an environmentalist, and for that reason I would like to express my support to the recycling company RMG - Reserve Management Group to expand their services in the South East Side of Chicago. This company has been a part of the East Side for over 40 years and have never had any reported problems in the community.

Recycling is the process of collecting and processing materials that would otherwise be thrown away as trash and turning them into new products. Recycling can benefit the community and the environment.

Here is a list of the Benefits of Recycling:

- Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators
- Conserves natural resources such as timber, water and minerals
- Increases economic security by tapping a domestic source of materials
- Prevents pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials
- Saves energy
- Supports American manufacturing and conserves valuable resources
- Helps create jobs in the recycling and manufacturing industries in the Chicago.

Thank you!

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 1:21 PM
To: envcomments; wintonjb@aol.com
Subject: The new Southside Recycling plant.

[Warning: External email]

Hello. My name is Jim Winton (J.A.Winton Company, Cleveland, Ohio) and thru the companies I represent, have been a long time supplier of shredder wear parts to the Scrap Recycling Industry, including the original General Iron operation in Chicago. My companies are also current suppliers to the crusher operations of Reserve Management Group, both in Chicago and other states (Ohio, New York and Alabama). RMG is known as an operator of scrap recycling plants that invest in the state of the art material handling systems and pollution control equipment. One of the most important needs in our country is to increasingly invest in the recycling industries, wether they be scrap metal, or plastics or concrete or electrical componets, etc. We need to continue to reduce disposed waste when it can be recycled. Our landfills are over loaded with items/materials that can be recycled.

I sincerely hope you will give favorable consideration to the new scrap recycling operation RMG is building.

Thank you. Jim Winton

From: Lisa Nisle [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 1:33 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Expansion on the Southeast Side

[Warning: External email]

To Who it may concern:

RMG has been a company that has shown great dedication to the industry of recycling metals that affects all of us locally here in Chicago and on a global level. Companies that invest in the recycling of metals help to protect our environment and provide thousands of jobs, which in turn, helps boost our economy. RMG has continually strived to provide these good recycling jobs in Chicago even in tough economic times. Even more important, is the level of responsibility that RMG takes every day for the safety of their employees and the safety of the environment in which they conduct their business and the surrounding neighborhoods. They not only provide safety measures that meet or exceed the required environmental standards, but are continually investing in new ways to improve upon these standards of their own volition. These safety measure claims are not empty words. The new expansion plans of RMG's Southside Recycling facility includes the installation of pollution control equipment that will make it the most advanced facility of its kind in Chicago and the entire Midwest. If allowed by the City of Chicago, RMG's Southside facility has the capabilities to be a model within the industry for cleaner operations. I call that serious dedication to improving the recycling industry!

My support of the RMG Expansion is based on the available proven facts, not on false information that is being circulated by other parties to further their own agendas. The false information that is being provided could cost this Chicago community so much. Please base your decision on facts and permit this expansion to move forward. Do not let recycling opportunities go to other facilities that *will not* have the environmental safety measures in place and lose the possibility of new jobs that are so needed in this community.

Thank you for listening,

Lisa A. Nisle

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From: Joel Erlichman [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 1:50 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Reserve Management Group/Southside Recycling Expansion

[Warning: External email]

Dear City of Chicago ,

Rarely does a government body have an opportunity of this magnitude to do the right thing and support the environment, the community, the economy and local industry - in one approval process. The investment by RMG to improve all these areas in what has been a long forgotten and underutilized industrial corridor should be wholeheartedly supported and approved without delay. This is especially true when the investment is made with modern environmental and zoning requirements.

I have been in the scrap metals and recycling industry for over 30 years. It is not often that a company can make these types of investments in this industry, and when they do the environmental and safety improvements far outpace the other operators remaining. Contrary to much that has been written or presented by the press, this state of the art facility will likewise push the entire local industry to raise the bar of environmental performance. It will be the example of how to operate cleanly and safely. Therefore, the approval of the facility is BETTER for the environment and the local scrap community than were it not permitted to proceed.

Finally, we hear a lot of unsubstantiated statements and innuendo unrelated to the actual environmental regulations themselves and table talk about the need to reduce, reuse and recycle, but we do not hear enough about the companies that do it right, invest in their communities and take on this important responsibility on behalf of the communities they serve.

Therefore, my family and I support this project and believe these projects are not the problem - this is the very answer to many problems and should be approved without delay.

Joel Erlichman
[REDACTED]

From: Beth Brown, Pastor [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 2:29 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Comments on the move for General Iron

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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is the Rev. Dr. Beth Brown and I am the pastor of Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church. I am unable to attend the hearing tonight so I send in these thoughts to you in advance.

As you know, General Iron has been located in the Lincoln Park neighborhood for many years. Due to the repetitive violations and the health hazards posed to the surrounding area, General Iron is supposed to leave Lincoln Park by December 31, 2020.

When I first heard that General Iron was going to be moving its operations to the Southeast side, I was shocked. As I did some research and began talking with activists and the alderman of the 43rd Ward, Michele Smith, who was instrumental in forcing General Iron to move, I became even more dismayed.

We have talked a great deal about racism in the year 2020. We have talked much less about environmental racism and this appears to be a clear case of just that. If a business is not good enough for Lincoln Park and the primarily white residents who live there, why is it good enough for the Southeast side and the primarily brown and black residents who live there? One of the responses to that question that I have been given is that the Southeast side desperately needs jobs. That is simply not true for two reasons. No community needs jobs who will jeopardize the health of the workers in those jobs and there will be in reality be very few jobs created because of the workers already employed who will simply move.

I implore Mayor Lightfoot to deny the final permit needed for General Iron (or whatever it's going to be called next) to operate on the Southeast side too close to people who are our neighbors and who will suffer greatly as a result of any such move. Metal scrap recyclers should not be allowed to operate within city limits. Please stop this harmful move.

I agree with Gina Ramirez who so eloquently states in her Tribute opinion piece, "If Chicago is going to turn a page in its legacy of segregation, the Lightfoot administration has to use General Iron's pending permit as a turning point by denying it, and passing a citywide moratorium on new industrial facilities and giving the community a seat at the table when making reforms to zoning laws."

Chicago can't move past its history of segregation until a moratorium is enacted and the hardest hit communities have a seat at the table.

Preventing General Iron's move to the southeast side is in keeping with Mayor Lightfoot's vision for the City, particularly around racial equity.

Thank you,

Rev. Dr. Beth Brown

From: Steelbro [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 2:31 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: We stand behind RMG - a state of the art recycling facility

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern :

Dear Sir,

We are a scrap recycling company dealing in Metal and Paper scrap recycling.

We deal with Southside Recycling company which is located in city of Chicago. With our over 30 years experience in this recycling experience, we want to state that Southside Recycling is investing heavily into plant and equipment. They are putting up new state of the art technology and processes which will make them the safest and most environmentally friendly recycling in Chicago. It will create good jobs and can help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations.

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From: Lexie Steele [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 2:37 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: I stand Behind RMG

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RMG takes its responsibility to the environment seriously. Southside recycling will be the safest, most environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago. It will create good jobs and can help make the South Side a model for cleaner industrial operations.

Thank you
Lexie Steele

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From: Mandy Lunceford [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 2:37 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Support Letter

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Dear Sir or Madam,

This letter is to show support for Reserve Management Group operating their new shredder division on the grounds of their South Side recycling facility. I have worked as the Executive Assistant for Reserve Management Group for 13 years and over the course of these 13 years I have grown close to the owners and their families. I have not only watched this company grow into the establishment they are today, I am proud to say I have been a part of its growth and success. This company is like no other I have ever dealt with. They truly care about their employees, the employee's families as well as the neighborhoods and cities of which all their facilities are located. They have gone above and beyond trying to make sure their operations have little to no negative impact on the neighbors and the environment. They do their best to support the community and help out whenever possible.

The bad publicity that has come along with the purchase of another company's assets is mind blowing. We are a recycling company! We are trying to improve the quality of the earth by keeping harmful materials out of the landfills and use each commodity to make new items. We've been in the area for several years and have a good standing relationship with the city and the community. Many of our employees live in the neighborhood and I am confident that we will always have employees that live in the neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Mandy Lunceford

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 2:39 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: comments in response to public hearing on RMG application

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Dear Mayor Lori Lightfoot,

Please put an end to the legacy of environmental injustice in Chicago. Stop our history of pushing toxic industry into working class communities of color.

I ask that you:

- * prevent scrap metal recyclers such as General Iron from operating within the city limits (including Lincoln Park and the Southeast Side)
- * pass a citywide moratorium on new industrial facilities pending zoning reforms that give consideration to environmental concerns
- * give communities a seat at the table when these reforms are under discussion and when specific permits are under consideration.

Above all, I ask that you deny the final permit that would enable RMG to absorb the long-time polluter General Iron into its Southeast Side facility.

Peggy Boyer Long
Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church's Green Team

[REDACTED]

From: Alex Curi [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 2:53 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG/Southside Recycling- SUPPORT

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

Sending my support for the newly, state-of-the-art, mega shredder at RMG/Southside Recycling. We need their CAPACITY in order to keep up with the recycling of shredder based products. Peddlers and recyclers are keeping our streets clean by making sure this material doesn't end up in a landfill. Steel mills are making new Steel by melting shredded auto scrap VS. virgin Iron Ore.

I am 30 years old and have been in this industry, both metal and electronics, for almost 7 years. Shredders are fascinating and only getting smarter by the day!

Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Happy to help!

Thanks,

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From: waite [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 3:40 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Reserve Group Southside Recycling
Attachments: Support Letters for RMG 12-10-2020.pdf

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John & Kathleen Waite

[REDACTED]
Chicago, IL. 60643

December 10, 2020

City of Chicago

envcomments@cityofchicago.org

REF: RMG Southside Recycling Project

Good Afternoon;

The flight of good jobs leaving the city of Chicago and the state of Illinois has taken its toll on the taxpaying residents of our neighborhoods. The effort by our elected officials to hurt good businesses and decent paying jobs for our residents is without reason.

RMG has been a good neighbor to the city and a good employer to its employees for many years. This is an opportunity for this business to invest in the future of the area and the future of its employees with the most environmentally friendly recycling facility in Chicago and the nation. Please see this as a good opportunity for Chicago, metal recycling is a good thing for our planet, and RMG is a good employer. Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community.

Please feel free to contact me with any follow up.

Best regards.

John Waite

[REDACTED]

From: Thomas Stoodt [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 3:45 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Comments on RMG application to expand a recycling facility

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Regards,
Tom Stoodt

From: Samir Khoury [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 3:57 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: SouthSide Recycling Project

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To Whom it May Concern,

I have been employed by the RMG family of companies since May 2007 and have watched this company grow from a much smaller operation to what it has become today. I have traveled to many of the facilities and spent a large amount of time in the Chicago area on the RMT Campus.

I am in charge of a large part of our e-scrap operations across the country and have witnessed how much time, energy and resources this company puts in to make our operations environmentally safe and have always put the safety of its people and facilities above all else and this message can be heard echoing through every one of the operations, management team, and employees that run the company every single day.

I have seen the plans that are in place for this facility coming on the property and know that this will be the most state of the art facility in the Midwest and that the ownership team has not, and will not spare any costs in making sure that all operations are up-to and exceeding environmental standards in the industry.

Throughout the time I have spent in Chicago over the years, I have seen how many people have been employed and benefited from RMG's operation in the South Chicago area and how this new facility will be a great neighbor and will bring more jobs and resources to the community and will be the showcase of recycling and reuse of metals in a way the industry has not seen before.

I will conclude this letter with my personal support in backing this project and reiteration that this team that I have worked for has always, and will always have the health, safety and environmental concerns above all else. Throughout my journey with this company for the last 13.5 years I have personally seen us go through tough times and good times and throughout all of these situations, if there was one message that always stuck out above all else and always guided the decision making process was: **IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO** and I know that this project and operation will be no different.

Thank you

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From: Dennis Stropko [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 4:00 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Support for Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

Good afternoon,

I am sending this email to express my support for the new Southside shredding facility that is being constructed at 11600 S. Burley Ave., Chicago. I am the HSE Manager for Reserve Management Group and in this role, my responsibilities include ensuring that our operations meet all local, State and Federal health, safety and environmental rules and regulations. I can assure you that all those considerations have been incorporated into this project and are being met. This organization is focused on doing things right...there isn't much more to say. They don't play around, they are transparent and committed to this project, and they are very proud of what they are doing in the very challenging world of scrap recycling. Not sure if you all realize it, but with the addition of the Southside Shredder, this campus will be one of the most diverse and largest volume recycling centers in the nation – something to be celebrated and recognized rather than demonized. And it's an achievement that Chicagoland could and should be bragging about, especially in these super charged times of "Going Green". RMG is an organization that is truly part of the GREEN solution and operates with a real spirit towards environmental stewardship. In addition to our positive environmental footprint, this organization is a major employer on the south side of Chicago, and will continue be a positive contributor to the local community and economy for years to come.

Respectfully,
Dennis Stropko, HSE Manager

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From: Thomas Stoodt [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 4:14 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Re: Comments on RMG application to expand a recycling facility

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Regards,
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From: Kelly Nichols [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 4:21 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG/General Iron Expansion on Southeast Side - Comment
Attachments: RMG_General Iron Comment_final.pdf

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It is our opinion that the Large Recycling Facility Permit Application for the General III, LLC/Southside Recycling (aka RMG/General Iron) facility proposed for 11600 S. Burley Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60617 does not meet the applicable requirements for the Rules for Large Recycling Facilities with regards to “any substance or material that may become airborne or be scattered by the wind,” and “potential to harm human health and the environment, and cause a public nuisance or adversely impact the surrounding area or surrounding users.” A detailed explanation of why is included below.

We at Respiratory Health Association are very concerned about the proposed relocation of RMG/General Iron, a metal shredding company, from the North Side of Chicago in Lincoln Park to the Southeast Side of Chicago. The company has been in violation multiple times with EPA rules about “fugitive dust,” so we know it is already polluting the community in which it is currently located. When it moves to the Southeast Side, in addition to adding itself to a constantly growing number of sites dedicated to polluting heavy industry, it will only be a half-mile from Washington High School.

Though in the permit application for the facility, an [Air Quality Impact Assessment](#) was included, RMG/General Iron is a company that hasn’t proven it is a good neighbor. In Lincoln Park, it has operated without appropriate Title V permits, was noted to emit or “have the potential to emit more than 100 tons per calendar year of volatile organic compounds”^[1] (VOCs) as well as particulate matter, and consistently had fine dust from its operations seen around the community over a half-mile from the facility. The November 11, 2020 permit application for the Southeast side location itself lists as a byproduct the creation of “150,000 tons” of shredder fluff annually. At the Lincoln Park location, that fluff was also found up to a half-mile from RMG/General Iron, and community members saw employees of the facility in protective equipment picking it up from areas around the vicinity. In Lincoln Park, it has been discovered in large quantities in air filters and ducts in the neighborhood.

As you may know, air pollution, and particularly fine particle air pollution, can pose a serious threat to health. These particles can get deep into the lungs: exposure to PM2.5 has been linked to illness and

death, most notably from lung and heart disease. That particulate matter can also trigger asthma attacks and worsening of COPD symptoms. A recent report issued by the Union of Concerned Scientists² found that Cook County, including Chicago, ranks 8th among the nation’s metropolitan counties with the highest exposure to on-road pollution. The county’s exposure rate is 90 percent higher than the average of all U.S. counties with populations greater than one million residents. That report only includes vehicular sources, not additional sources like the heavy industry already prevalent in areas like the 10th Ward.

VOCs can be carcinogenic, as can heavy metals released into the air during the recycling process. Per a study published in the International Journal of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, “exposure of the lungs to airborne toxicants from different sources in the environment may lead to acute and chronic pulmonary or even systemic inflammation.”³ In 2017, the most recent year for which we have available data, the difference in the rate of emergency department (ED) visits for children with asthma in the 60617 zip code is 41.2% higher than the citywide rate. In the zip codes 60827/60633 the rate is 34% higher than the citywide rate. Also, in Hegewisch, which is near the proposed RMG/General Iron site, there is a higher rate of lung cancer incidence (25%) and death (34%), as well as higher mortality rates from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) (53%).

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From: David Piotrowski [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 4:35 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG support (General Iron)

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I would like to voice my support for RMG to be located in the East Side community. I live on Ewing Ave, within 4 blocks of where they will be located. I understand that there is a lot of information floating around, and most of it, in my opinion is fear mongering. By doing research on this company, and knowing the restrictions and permits that they were presented with, I am confident that this business will be good for the community, I am aware of all the concerns of the community, but I view this as something that can be a learning experience for the entire area and ward. This company can be a bridge to our community, in regards to helping the next generation get a hands on experience in regards to re-cycling and the proper way it can be done. They can educate the entire community on this, while providing jobs to the area, which may lead to other businesses wanting to re-locate to our economically challenged area.
Thank you for taking my concerns into this matter to consideration

From: Thomas Stoodt [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 6:02 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Re: Comments on RMG application to expand a recycling facility

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From: Julie Cislo Sykes [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 6:12 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: General Iron Comment

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City of Chicago General Iron Comment:

I need to express how disappointed I am in Mayor Lightfoot, Alderwoman Sadowski-Garza and their whole administration. How dare they let this happen on their watch. They are taking advantage of our community during a Covid Pandemic to push through their agenda with General Iron so they can all line their pockets at our community's expense. Saying they are bringing jobs to improve our community is a bold lie. They are bringing pollution not jobs. General Iron isn't capable of following mandated guidelines or running a safe company and should be shut down. Shame on the Mayor for even considering approving General Irons last permit. Their existence in our community will only cause long term health issues for our children and the elderly. We

have already suffered so much and taken on the pollution burden for Chicago we should not have to sacrifice our future generations for your profit and greed.

Mayor Lightfoot is pushing through these permits during a pandemic knowing full well she will receive minimal pushback due to stay at home orders she put in place.....yet the Mayor and General Iron have no problem getting together to approve permit after permit and not alerting our community. So here we are at General Irons last permit approval. This meeting is making it seem like we have a say in the final permit approval process. Very doubtful since General Iron is already updating their facility. They would not be putting money or effort into upgrades without knowing that the Mayor and Alderwoman are 100% backing their move and permits.

I have lived in this community for over 50 years and have not seen any significant long-term investment into our neighborhood. We all

know this meeting will accomplish nothing and Mayor Lightfoot has already green lighted this move of General Iron into our back yard. My goal in this meeting is to demand that General Iron close. I don't want them in my community or harming any other community. They should relocate to a non-populated area so they can't harm anyone.

If they are not going to close or move somewhere else the very least the Mayor/Alderwoman and General Iron can do at this point is sink some of that money they are lining their pockets with and invest, improve and protect the 10th Ward!

Finally, shocking!! NO Mayor Lightfoot.....most likely she is having dinner with the reps at General Iron approving the final permit at the expense of our community. I AM SURE OUR ALDERWOMAN WILL FIND EVENTUALLY AND BY THAT TIME WE'LL WILL BE SCREWED!

Thank you and have a great evening.

- Julie Sykes - Resident

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From: Heather Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 6:33 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Comments around General Iron

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Dear City of Chicago,

Please do not grant the permit to General Iron. The Southeast side has borne the brunt of too many polluters. This is egregious and continues the city's legacy of environmental racism. The South Side and the South Side of Chicago has had too many industrial polluters already. Please spare this community of color that already sees higher rates of death and public health emergencies yet another neighbor polluter.

Sincerely,

Heather Smith

From: Fleming, Ashley [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 7:02 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Written Comment

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Dear Alderwoman Garza and Mayor Lightfoot,

I am writing to you as the only AP Environmental Science teacher at Washington High school. Each year, I teach a new group of students about topics presented on the AP exam which include air, water, and soil pollution.

AP Teachers consistently discuss how the uniqueness of a student's geographic location correlates to concepts the student sees on the AP Environmental Science exam. A high school in the Northeast region of the US are surrounded by the issues caused by overfishing whereas schools located in the rural Midwest have experience with issues related to agricultural practices. On the East Side of Chicago, my students understand pollution.

Given our location, I have plenty of relevant material to use when teaching these pollution topics. I don't have to try very hard to make these topics "real" to my students like I do other topics. These topics exist in their backyards.

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- We use the high mercury
- levels in Wolf Lake as an example for learning because of the factories in the neighborhood.
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- We talk about the neurological
- issues caused by elevated levels of manganese and lead in the neighborhood.
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- We talk about the negative
- health effects of mold on the body. Mold existed in our very building until we finally got a new roof on our school.
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- The thermal pollution from
- the factories that you see while spending time at Calumet Park is our case study.
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- We use statistics from the
- endless number of trucks, ships, and trains that pass through our industrial neighborhood to teach on carbon dioxide emissions.
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What has been a challenge for me so far is teaching the topic of particulate matter. There isn't an industry or factory that is solely responsible for particulate matter in these students' neighborhood. If you allow General Iron to occupy the space across from Washington High School, you will have offered me a concrete example to write into my lesson plans.

Students will see the health effects in action. My students will experience breathing issues while running during gym class or sports. They will see an increase in individuals with asthma, or may become asthmatic for the first time themselves. There will be higher rates of lung diseases and lung cancer among their family members. And they will know the cause: that their alderwoman allowed general iron to pollute the space in which they live and go to school.

Please don't make particulate matter another pollution topic that is easy for me to teach. As the AP Environmental Science teacher and our genuine concern for the well-being of my students, I urge you to not allow General Iron into our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Ashley Fleming

Science Teacher
Washington High School

From: Thomas Stoodt [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 7:08 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Re: Comments on RMG application to expand a recycling facility
Attachments: PastedGraphic-2.tiff

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Permit application does not mention anything on the first three bullet points.

STRONG MONITORING & TRANSPARENCY

- Continuous, 24/7 air monitoring
- Air monitoring near sensitive areas such as homes, parks & schools – and where air study shows that federal limits may be exceeded
- Real-time, automatic notification to CDPH if particulate matter exceeds warning level over 15-minute period
- Noise monitoring & assessment
- Hot spot monitoring of stockpiles with infrared sensors to prevent fires
- Stringent record-keeping & reporting
- Public notice and comments for any variance request

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In addition to PM10, *Facilities that receive scrap metal or metallic Recyclables shall evaluate the following HAPs in the modeling study:* antimony, arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, cobalt, lead, manganese, nickel, and selenium compounds.

Regards,

From: Miguel Colon [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 7:20 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: General Irons permit

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Why doesn't the city divert TIF funding for economic and educational development for the 10th Ward, instead of pushing industry towards our community?

From: Brian Murphy [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 7:27 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Southside Recycling

[Warning: External email]

To whom it may concern,

Metal recycling is good for the Earth and good for Chicago. RMG cares about doing the right thing and I'm confident that Southside Recycling will be a safe and supportive neighbor in the community. This will be the most modern recycling facility in the entire Midwest. If this facility is denied a permit, all recycling will go to other facilities, which do not have any of the environmental controls that Southside Recycling will use. This new facility should be embraced by Chicago and its metal recyclers. Please take this into consideration and have a safe and happy holiday.

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Brian Murphy
[REDACTED]

From: Miguel Colon [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 7:29 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: General Iron permit

[Warning: External email]

If the United States Government cannot contain the coronavirus aerosol, how do the city of Chicago expect RNG General Iron to contain the particulates within the 10th Ward? Please deny this permit.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 7:38 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Stop General Iron/ RMG

[Warning: External email]

Dear committee: Please DENY the permit to General Iron/RMG to relocate to the 10th Ward of Chicago. One question for ALL OF YOU to consider: Would you approve the permit if General Iron/RMG was relocating to the neighborhood where you live? Think about it and be HONEST with your answer. I believe your reply would be Hell No!

We DO NOT NEED any more carcinogens in the 10th ward either. We already have a lot of residents suffering from serious respiratory and chronic health problems. Please DENY this permit and save the 10th Ward residents. If General Iron/RMG was unsafe for the North Side, it is just unsafe for the South Side. Please save our children and all our residents. Thank you.

Aurora Figueroa

Sent from my iPhone

From: Daniel Velazquez [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:06 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Demand to deny RNG/General Iron Permit

[Warning: External email]

Hello,

My name is Daniel Velazquez, I am 23 years old and a lifelong resident of the 10th Ward. I demand that the CDPH fulfill their duty to public health and deny the permit that would allow General Iron to operate in the southeast side. General Iron poses a real-life health risk to a community with already elevated cases of asthma. The release of particulate matter into the air will only worsen this problem. General Iron's track record of explosions, fires, and pollution violations does not give me any confidence that general iron will operate in a way that doesn't harm the community. If this permit is granted it will be an act of violence against the southeast side community. Additionally the move of General Iron from the affluent neighborhood of Lincoln Park to the low income, black and brown community of the 10th ward would be seen as an act of environmental racism towards a community that already serves as the city's dumping ground. The approval of this permit would send a strong signal to the community that the health of black and brown lives don't matter as much to the city as the lives of those in more affluent communities. The members of our community should not have to bow down in humility and be grateful for a job that poses a risk to their health and the health of our community members. We should not have to choose between job security and health. Please, have the integrity to care more about the members of our community than corporate interests **AND DENY RNG/GENERAL IRON THE PERMIT TO OPERATE IN THE 10th WARD!**

Thank you.

From: Mike Polacheck [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:20 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: RMG Support

[Warning: External email]

City of Chicago,

I am proud to support the recycling industry and companies that take scrap metal from my construction projects and processes this material in an environmentally safe manner. Successfully dealing with waste materials is solely dependent upon companies like General III, LLC and Reserve Management Group. The recycling industry keeps large amounts of obsolete metal items out of landfills and relieves stress on the environment by reducing the need for virgin material in the manufacturing of new goods. It also reduces the need to obtain foreign metals when we can reprocess scrap metals into re-usable materials to manufacture American made products.

Additionally, without this industry, construction projects would not be able to achieve the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification requirements that are mandated to be obtained by the State of Illinois and City of Chicago on various publicly funded construction projects.

Based on my observations, Reserve Management Group operations are run to the highest standards of environmental compliance that I have seen at any recycling facility where I do business. They adhere to all regulations and take all possible steps to exceed what is required by law. Roadways and surfaces are regularly swept and watered, and Reserve Management Group's employees enforce low speed limits at their facility to reduce dust being kicked up from the ground.

It is also my understanding that the proposed new facility will have even more comprehensive pollution controls and monitoring than the current operation or any other similar recycling business in the area. Given their commitment to environmental responsibility, I want to reiterate my full support for Reserve Management Group and General III, LLC.

Michael J. Polacheck, Senior Project Manager, LEED AP- BD+C
The George Sollitt Construction Co.

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From: indiga blu [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:28 PM
To: envcomments

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As a 10th ward resident residing on I am more than concerned about the pollution that will be emitted in our already polluted air. As a resident living on Torrance , I would like to point out something that I have not seen expressed; the amount of trucks that will have an impact on the community,specifically South Deering. If you are not aware, most of the houses built on Torrence date back before the Steel Mill. 103rd and 130th are major exits of the highway that lead to Torrence, so it is already filled with general traffic and industrial trucks. On top of that there are train tracks literally across the street. These are the exits that will be used by the trucks and out of town employees of RMG. The houses are already shaking and falling apart due to the weight and vibrations. Has there or will there be an impact report on what an additional 400+ trucks (and whatever lbs of load they will be carrying) will do to these houses?

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Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:31 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Re: Comments on RMG application to expand a recycling facility
Attachments: PastedGraphic-3.tiff

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Permit should be explicit on the chemical composition of the washer solvent and at least attempt to better characterize the used oil and what contaminants that oil might contain or where it is going to be treated. Are these wastes to be trucked off site as hazardous waste? If so, they should be listed as hazardous waste effluents. What sampling and analysis is done on these waste streams?

They need to more accurately describe what they are calling fluff and not say "nonhazardous special waste" unless that is strictly defined as such. The Rules refer to "Auto Shredder Residue". They should use the same term so that there is no confusion over what is being discussed. 150,000 tons per year is a huge stream that is going to landfill (Indiana?). Calling that a non-hazard is surely subject to analysis and regulation.

Regards,

Tom Stoodt

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From: Thomas Stoodt [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:34 PM
To: envcomments
Subject: Fwd: Chicago Metals Recycling Controversy

[Warning: External email]

FYI. Learnings from Houston should be part of the Chicago effort. Thanks.

Regards,
Tom Stoodt

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Loren Hopkins" <hopkins@rice.edu>
Subject: RE: Chicago Metals Recycling Controversy
Date: December 7, 2020 at 9:09:22 AM CST
To: "Thomas Stoodt" [REDACTED]
Cc: "Ly, Nguyen - HHD" <Nguyen.Ly@houstontx.gov>, "Hopkins, Loren - HHD" <Loren.Hopkins@houstontx.gov>

Tom, I know of one facility that has worked on extra controls, but generally torch cutting is outside. We didn't evaluate risk from an OSHA stand point.

Hope that helps. Thanks, Loren

-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas Stoodt [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2020 8:49 AM
To: Loren Hopkins <hopkins@rice.edu>
Cc: Ly, Nguyen - HHD <Nguyen.Ly@houstontx.gov>; Hopkins, Loren - HHD <Loren.Hopkins@houstontx.gov>
Subject: Re: Chicago Metals Recycling Controversy

Loren-

These two references are great-thanks so much. Thanks for selecting one that showed the collaboration and another the scientific study approach. Very interesting. I'll have to study these more closely, but it looks like the majority of metal aerosols are from the outside cutting work (of which there must be a lot). I don't know that the Chicago permit applications and such highlight this step and the emissions. It tends to focus on downstream and the mitigation (filters, incinerator). I guess that the relative elevation of the point of release and the neighborhood could be a factor. In Chicago the company seeking the permit is emphasizing that they will be adding an enclosure to the operation. It isn't clear what process steps will be enclosed. I also wonder if they enclose the cutting step if they are creating an unsafe work environment inside. Are the Houston area facilities unenclosed.

Thanks again and best of luck in your future work.

Regards,

Tom Stoodt

On Dec 5, 2020, at 3:12 AM, Loren Hopkins <hopkins@rice.edu> wrote:

Dear Mr. Stoodt,

Here are some links to articles about our project.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10962247.2020.1755385>

<https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1186/s12940-020-00590-1.pdf>

A better person to inquire about details of inspection violations at metal recycler facilities in Houston is Mr. Nguyen Ly at the city of Houston Health Department Bureau of Pollution Control and Prevention.

Thank you, Loren

-----Original Message-----

From: Thomas Stoodt [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2020 3:27 PM
To: raun@rice.edu
Subject: Chicago Metals Recycling Controversy

Dear Dr. Hopkins-

I am a retired Chemical Engineer who has taken an interest in a local Chicago story on the relocation/expansion of a metals recycling facility. I saw your name in a Houston Chronicle story from 8 years ago. Can you suggest any references to any resolution of the issues in Houston or point to any studies that would be helpful? My general impression is that these facilities are typically not well run, are prone to upsets, and have pollution controls that don't really remove the most harmful compounds. I'm just curious if the learnings from Houston have made their way to Chicago?

Hope you are staying safe.

Best Regards,
Tom Stoodt
Retired Chemical Engineer
Chicago, IL

STORY LINK:

Residents can also file comments about the proposed South Side car shredder over the next 30 days.

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/2020/11/30/21754381/general-iron-southeast-side-public-comment-permit-hearing-lincoln-park>

