



Health Impact Assessment:

Southside Recycling Permit Application

Public Engagement Session #2: Breakout Session #3

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1. Benefits - Based on what you have heard thus far, please share some of the potential benefits of this proposal on you and your community. Who specifically benefits?

Recycling is important, benefits everybody. But what is RMG proposing?

Recycling keeps consumers scrap out of the landfill, supports other companies and vendors

Location is important because of the space and infrastructure needs. E.g., the river needed to move raw materials. General Iron grew beyond space needs.

This is not General Iron. That operation was about 20 feet from the public and outgrew the location.

Employed hundreds of people over the years. Around 80% minority. Operation has been compliant. Good paying jobs with benefits.

Potential benefit by not having abandoned property, which attracts fly dumpers.

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3. Lived Experience - Is there anything else that you want people who are working on this proposal to know or think about based on your experience as a community member?

The community has been saying for two years that we do not want this project. This is an environmental justice community experiencing undue air pollution and this permit should be denied.

As someone who knows current and past employees of RMG they should not be allowed to expand in anyway. With refusal to prevent company injuries, allows pollution, dust and smog to be allowed to escape

-from their building. RMG refuses to fix their property and equipment. RMG should not be allowed to open a new company when they cant take care of current ones. Based on video.

The community deserves better. Tired of being dumped on. There's no art center. Our neighborhood deserves the same opportunities as others.

This community has the highest covid rate and asthma rate, respiratory issues will be exasperated.

It smells awful in the area. The emissions will not be clean.

Need to know that there will be sufficient monitoring and that it won't be dangerous. Community needs assurance, especially given past issues.

Other perspective: There may be some old buildings, the facility itself is new.