



# Health Impact Assessment:

## Southside Recycling Permit Application

Public Engagement Session #2: Breakout Session #7

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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 great for the environment. Keeping metal out of the landfill benefits all.

This industry benefits wealthy people at the cost of local residents.

This process benefits the City in how it is framed. The graphs and tables, the trends. The way that the data has been presented has been to benefit the City. It has been called out by health officials as unethical.

RECYCLING is a benefit

2. Burdens - Based on what you have heard thus far, please share some of the potential burdens of this proposal on you and your community. Who specifically is burdened?

There will be no burdens. Recycling benefits the entire Chicagoland area. Jobs will be created which benefits residents of the 10th ward

The burdens are far greater than the benefits. Any industry that has negative impacts on resident's health is not beneficial to the community.

We are paying with our lungs and lives. There is no safe amount of pollution.

Metal recycling poisons the soil. It can also be absorbed into water. Fine particulate matter/dust is hard to contain.

The process is also a burden. The process is flawed in terms of the amount of information collected. It is not a cumulative impact report, which is what is needed.

Burden is pollution on community

Process is upholding racist systems.

### 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?

This is a community that has suffered too much from burdens of pollution, lack of investment, lack of representation. This is going to further harm people.

This issue with General Iron - there has been a lack of engagement with the community from anyone in the City.

Enough of the dirty industry! The SE side deserves better. Is this really the only type of investment that can be offered to our neighborhood? I'm tired of seeing dirty piles of scrap when I come home into my

When the mills closed we suffered and still suffer mostly because business doesn't want to locate with taxes so high. RMG purchased the old Republic Steel property 20 plus years ago and employed over 200 people.

Everything is starting to get developed and we are poised for a great comeback. Again, there is a handful of people who are loud that want nothing. We always have been and always will be an industrial Ward.

It smells bad here often.

There is a cumulative impact of what we are going through, reports of dead wildlife, lead in water, there are barriers to things that should be a given from an environmental perspective.

We need to move in a new direction. The SE side does not have to continue to be home to dirty industry. My dad worked at Republic Steel.

He is amazed at how he himself is still alive when all of his co-workers have died from some form of cancer. Yes, it put a roof over our heads but look at how so many people have paid with their lives.

I live on 11th State Line. Cargill is notorious for omitting foul smells. They are in Indiana.

4. Looking Forward - Beyond the permit decision, what should we be aware of as we embark on other policy or process change initiatives? Do you have any specific recommendations?

**Change the way you do your meetings**

Change the way we do things, air quality ordinance, legislation to move us in a different direction.

**Cumulative Impact Report**

**Timely data and reports to community and stakeholders**

The City should be aware that we live in a time where people have no values. No matter what is proposed, what you think, you have a group of people who will oppose you on anything.

**Reduce pollution overall as part of bigger conversation related to climate change**