

RMG RECYCLING PERMIT

Public Hearing
December 10, 2020







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CITY OF CHICAGO – RMG EXPANSION MICROSITE

- https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/rmgexpansion/home.html
- For information, updates and documents regarding the proposed expansion of RMG metal recycler
- Recording of today's public hearing and slides (English and Spanish) will be posted
- Responses to questions raised during this hearing will also be posted

*** INTRODUCTION**

- Moderator Norma Seledon
- Instructions to Access Translation Line
- Instructions on public hearing process
- Written comments may be submitted to: envcomments@cityofchicago.org
- Deadline for written comments extended to January 14, 2021
- Additional public engagement opportunities to follow
- All information captured on the RMG Expansion Microsite

MEETING PURPOSE

Provide information about recycling permitting process

- Hear community input about RMG application. Particularly want to hear comments addressing:
 - Whether application meets the requirements of the recycling rules and ordinance
 - What special conditions could be included in a potential draft permit to address neighborhood concerns



XOVERVIEW OF PROCESSES

- Zoning Board of Appeals reviews applications for Special Use and approves land uses
- Department of Buildings reviews applications for permits to construct, renovate and demolish buildings
- Chicago Department of Public Health reviews applications for facilities proposing to engage in certain regulated activities, such as operating air pollution control equipment and recycling



Welcome

- o Introduction of Speakers Norma Seledon, Moderator
- Meeting Overview and Commitment to Equity Angela Tovar, Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Chicago
- Statement from Alderwoman Susan Sadlowski Garza, 10th Ward

Information Sharing

 Large Metal Recycler Rules, Permitting Process, and RMG application – Commissioner Allison Arwady, Chicago Department of Public Health

Discussion

- Public Comments
- Next Steps and Closing Commissioner Allison Arwady, CDPH



NEW RULES: LARGE RECYCLING FACILITIES

- Created <u>first-ever rules</u> for recycling facilities that accept over 1000 tons
 of recyclable materials per day or that process and shred vehicles
- New rules effective June 2020
- Received 31 written public comments on draft rules, including one signed by nine environmental justice groups
- Made big changes due to input from environmental advocates
- Imposed mandates more extensive than state & federal requirements



****** MANDATES & BANS IN NEW RULES

- Ban on visible dust leaving the property
- Enclosure of auto-shredder
- Enclosure of shredding waste (i.e. autofluff)
- Stockpile height limits
- Thorough cleaning of paved & unpaved surfaces
- Ban on excessive noise



X DETAILED PLANS REQUIRED

- Air impact study to model impacts from equipment, processes, road dust & other sources to ensure facilities will stay within federal standards
- Action plan detailing steps to prevent air pollution violations
- Fugitive dust plan with strong controls for prevention
- Noise study to ensure compliance with City's noise ordinance
- Traffic study for new and expanding facilities to ensure impacts to local traffic are limited
- Stormwater management and pollution prevention plans to ensure adherence with City ordinances and the Clean Water Act



*** 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



COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH



CDPH PERMITTING

- Permits are issued <u>only</u> if applicants meet zoning <u>and</u> environmental requirements
- CDPH Commissioner can require <u>special conditions</u> based on past violations or other concerns
- Recycling cannot begin until CDPH reviews and approves <u>all</u> required permits and completes a pre-operation inspection to ensure all equipment is in place
- Enforcement of permitted facilities includes routine and complaintbased inspections to ensure operations are consistent with the permit and issuing citations if violations are found



- We invite comments on:
 - Whether application meet the requirements of the recycling rules and ordinance
 - What special conditions could be included in a potential draft permit to address neighborhood concerns
- Limit comments to 2 minutes (30 second warning provided)
- Comments can also be submitted in writing and send by email to envcomments@cityofchicago.org. Deadline to submit has been extended to January 14, 2021
- Oral and written public comments are of equal weight and will be considered in the application review and preparation of a draft permit

NEXT STEPS

- All documents will be posted online at <u>https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/rmg-expansion/home.html</u>.
- Deficiency notice(s) will be sent to the applicant requesting additional information
- CDPH will complete review of the application.
- Written comments on the application are due by January 14, 2021.

*** THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT**

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