The Problem
Shipping it over the border

BP ships all of the petroleum coke generated by its Whiting refinery to sites just across the state border in Chicago. If the dusty waste was stored at the refinery, BP would be required to enclose it under the terms of a legal settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The sites in Chicago aren’t required to comply with the same stringent regulations, which are intended to reduce hazards from lung-damaging particulate matter. U.S. refineries are producing more petroleum coke as they increasingly shift to oil from the tar sands region of Alberta, Canada. Much of the high-carbon, high-sulfur waste is exported to China.
The Community Responds
MARCH TO BAN PETCOKE FROM CHICAGOLAND

SATURDAY
Apr 26, 2014
10:30 AM

THE SOUTHEAST SIDE COALITION TO BAN PETCOKE, ALONG WITH OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, DEMAND THE FOLLOWING:

1. COMPLETE REMOVAL & BAN OF PETCOKE, COAL AND OTHER SOURCES OF PARTICULATE MATTER from the riverbanks of the calumet river and AWAY FROM RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

2. AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE HEALTH OF THE RESIDENTS of SOUTH CHICAGO and NW INDIANA that have been exposed to MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF POLLUTION by BP and OTHER DIRTY INDUSTRIES.

3. BP BE RETURNED TO THE FEDERAL NO-CONTRACT LIST which they were placed on following their contamination of the Gulf Coast & considering the recent LAKE MICHIGAN SPILL – so PUBLIC FUNDS DO NOT FUND THEIR POLLUTION.

4. FOR THE CITY OF CHICAGO TO BECOME A LEADER IN GREEN ENERGY by shifting our energy sources to natural & renewables-based resources, such as solar and wind power!

PLEASE CALL (773) 712-4956 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please call Alderman Pope (773) 721-1999 and tell him we need to stop the harm that has been caused to our community & vote to pass the city ordinance to ban petcoke!

LET'S BAN PETCOKE TOGETHER!

Co-sponsored by: Southeast Side Coalition to Ban Petcoke, Southeast Environmental Taskforce, Environmental Justice Alliance, Global Climate Convergence, System Change Not Climate Change, Michigan Coalition Against Tar Sands, Tar Sands Free Midwest and many others...
System Change Not Climate Change
The Ecosocialist Coalition
www.SystemChangeNotClimateChange.org
Dear Neighbors,

You may remember that in my letter to you in February, we announced that KCBX would be working with the US EPA to install air monitors at our two terminal facilities on the southeast side of Chicago. The air monitors are intended to evaluate the effectiveness of our on-site dust suppression equipment and to allow us to better understand any potential off-site sources of dust. I am pleased to report that the preliminary data returned from these monitors over the course of approximately ten weeks (February 18 – May 3) show that operations at KCBX’s North and South Terminals are consistent with levels that would meet standards designed to protect public health.

Those particular air monitors are “source monitors,” meaning they are located inside of KCBX’s North and South operations and adjacent to the coal and petcoke materials that are being handled. A total of nine stationary air monitors and two weather stations were installed, where they continue to collect data. In addition to the data being reviewed by air quality scientists, is some information is reported to the US EPA and Illinois EPA. The data is available on the KCBX website at www.aboutpetcoke.com.

We have also contracted an independent environmental expert to conduct further testing of surfaces and soil in the neighborhoods near our Chicago facilities. The newest samples were tested from 39 neighborhood locations this April after an extended period of windy and dry conditions. Just as with samples from the 69 public area locations tested surrounding our site in November and early December of 2013, the analysis of the April samples shows no evidence of petcoke or coal on surfaces or in the soil of the East Side and South Deering neighborhoods.

We have also begun the process of complying with the city of Chicago’s new rules for petcoke and coal handling facilities. We are taking steps to determine the feasibility of building an enclosure and will be submitting our initial plans to the city for the potential project in the coming weeks. It will be several months before we make a final determination on proceeding with the enclosure project, which requires a significant investment, but we remain optimistic that we will be able to comply with the city’s new rules and remain in business. If approved, once design and permitting are complete, we expect the project will take approximately two years to construct and will require more than 300,000 hours of skilled labor translating to hundreds of construction jobs.

In the meantime, KCBX will continue to focus on conducting our operations in compliance with all rules and regulations with respect for the environment and our neighbors. When we acquired our South property from DTE Energy, our company made significant improvements to the operation including a new and more substantial dust suppression system which our environmental testing shows is working effectively. I look forward to sharing further developments with you in the coming months. In the meantime, please visit our website at www.aboutpetcoke.com where you will find detailed information about our operations and continued investments in our Chicago terminals.

Sincerely,

Mike Estadt, Terminal Manager
KCBX Chicago
southeast side summer fest
from steel to green

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Future
SEPA Station #1: Overall Plan (PROGRESS DRAFT)

Great Rivers Chicago Chicago

LEGEND: SEPA STATION #1

A | ENTRY PLAZA
   legible signage, parking, access to existing boardwalk

B | SEPA VISITOR PARKING
   SEPA signage, guest parking

C | WOODLAND WALK
   ADA accessibility to SEPA & Indian Ridge

D | RIVERFRONT PLAZA
   shade trees, seating, lunch-friendly

E | ELEVATED BOARDWALK
   ADA accessibility, experience river, fishing

F | SCULPTED RIVER BANK (not shown)
   expand views, re-grade, diversity habitat

G | ISLAND HABITATS (not shown)
   remove reeds, diversity habitat & add ornamentals

H | RIVER PERCH
   waterfalls & river, gathering spaces, photo-ops

I | ANGLERS POINT (not shown)
   accessible walk, terraced platforms, trash bins

J | OBSERVATORY (not shown)
   covered, ecological viewing shelter

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