

Updates on CDPH & IEPA

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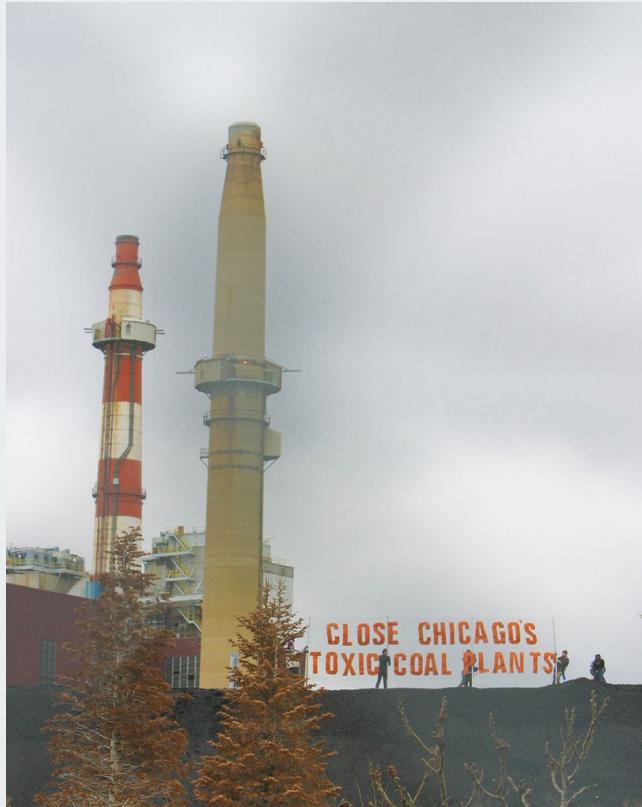
LVEJO 

Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO)



The mission of LVEJO is to organize with our community to accomplish environmental justice in Little Village and achieve the self-determination of immigrant, low-income, and working-class families.

Crawford + Fisk Stations linked to:



40 premature deaths,
550 emergency room visits,
and **2,800** asthma attacks
every year*

*Based on a 2002 Harvard School of Public Health Study

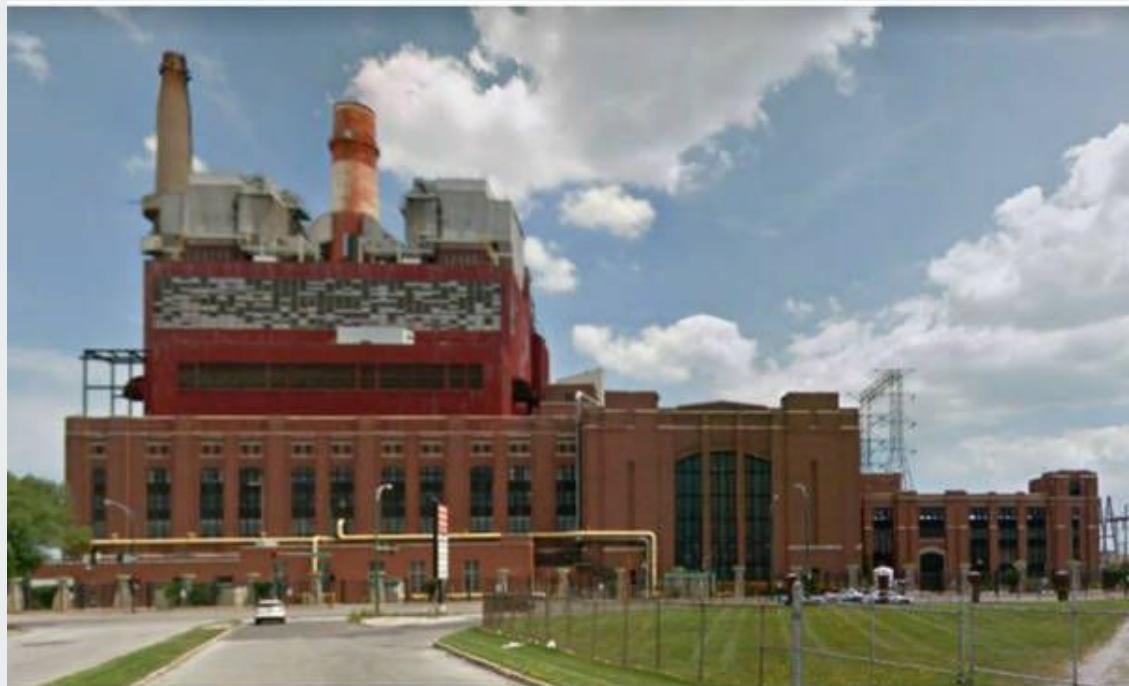
Our Fight Against Crawford



- **12 year** community struggle
- Crawford and Fisk officially stopped burning coal in 2012!

Demolition & Remediation of Plant

Ensure that the state site remediation process must include Active Public Participation, a full and complete characterization of site contamination and a remediation that is protective of human health and the environment, now and in the future.



Who is Who?



Who is Hilco Global?



Our Experience with Hilco

HELLO
my name is

SELL OUT



Exchange 55



<https://www.hilcoredev.com/projects/exchange-55>

City Tells Worried Little Village Residents To 'Limit Outdoor Activities' As Crews Demolish Old Coal Plant

Neighbors want the air quality monitored as a developer works to remediate and demolish the site to make way for a controversial one-million-square-foot warehouse. But the city says monitoring isn't required.

AUG 7, 2019 9:49AM CDT

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After Little Village Residents Told To Stay Inside During Coal Plant Demolition, City Says It Will Inspect The Crawford Site Every Week

The agency has asked the developer whether they plan to monitor air quality and it is "under evaluation," a city spokesman said.

AUG 12, 2019 9:15AM CDT

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As a result:

LVEJO created a **Change.org** petition

- <http://chng.it/byyZzpvtSB>

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Hilco's Propaganda

EXCHANGE X 55
CHICAGO

Dear Neighbor,

Two years ago, Hilco Redevelopment Partners acquired and started the demolition of the former Crawford power plant. We know how important it was to close the old power plant seven years ago which is why we are working hard to deliver a responsible new development to replace what still stands today. The new development will bring new jobs and opportunity to the Little Village neighborhood.

Today, we are excited to report that we are nearly finished removing all of the asbestos from the buildings. Over the next several months, demolition activities will continue to make progress on the remaining power plant buildings.

Protecting the health and safety of the Little Village community and local workers is very important and our top priority. That's why we have watering trucks, water cannons, misting systems, fence liners, and other efforts on site to help control dust generated by demolition or construction activities on site.

Our goal is to finish demolition this year making way for an environmentally friendly development that will feature improved community access along Pulaski Road, the planting of 680 new trees, naturalized landscaping improvements, a roof that accommodates solar panels, and infrastructure to support electric vehicles. We hope to secure a tenant for the building soon and will work with them and partners in the Little Village community to host job fairs.

We look forward to continuing to work with the community to bring opportunity back to this dormant section of Pulaski Road. For regular project updates, information about job fairs, construction progress, community events, or to ask any questions, please visit our project website at www.crawfordstation.com.

Thank you.



Hilco
Redevelopment Partners

For more information, visit www.crawfordstation.com

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CHICAGO

Querido Vecino/a,

Hace dos años, Hilco Redevelopment Partners compró y comenzó la demolición de la antigua planta eléctrica llamada Crawford. Sabemos lo importante que fue cerrar la antigua planta de energía hace siete años, por eso estamos trabajando duro para ofrecer un nuevo desarrollo responsable para reemplazar lo que está hoy. El nuevo desarrollo traerá nuevos empleos y oportunidades al vecindario de La Villita.

Hoy, nos complace informar que casi hemos terminado de eliminar todo el asbestos de los edificios. Durante los próximos meses, las actividades de demolición continuarán progresando en los edificios restantes de la planta eléctrica.

Proteger la salud y la seguridad de la comunidad de La Villita y de los trabajadores locales es muy importante y nuestra prioridad principal. Es por eso que tenemos camiones de riego, cañones de agua, sistemas de nebulización, revestimientos de cercas y otros esfuerzos en el sitio para ayudar a controlar el polvo generado por las actividades de demolición o construcción en el sitio.

Nuestro objetivo es terminar la demolición este año, dando paso a un desarrollo respetuoso con el medio ambiente que contará con un mejor acceso comunitario a lo largo de la Calle Pulaski, la plantación de 680 árboles nuevos, mejorar el paisaje de naturaleza, un techo adecuado para paneles solares e infraestructura para cargar vehículos eléctricos. Esperamos asegurar un inquilino para el edificio pronto y trabajaremos con ellos y socios en la comunidad de La Villita para organizar ferias de empleo.

Esperamos continuar trabajando con la comunidad para traer oportunidades de regreso a esta sección inactiva de la Calle Pulaski. Para recibir información del proyecto, fechas de ferias de empleo, progreso de la construcción, eventos de la comunidad o para hacer preguntas, visite nuestro sitio web del proyecto en www.crawfordstation.com.

Gracias.



Hilco
Redevelopment Partners

Para más información, visita www.crawfordstation.com

We're not buying it...

As Coal Plant Demolished, Little Village Neighbors Told New Warehouse Will Be 'Environmentally Friendly' — But They Aren't Buying It

It is "laughable to think that 680 new trees" would make an impact on air quality while they're also bringing "200 plus diesel trucks," activists say.

OCT 8, 2019 10:00AM CDT

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CDPH Response

- After submitting Change.org petition with 27 questions:
 - Received an email from Acting Commissioner Arwady, Chicago Dept. of Public Health, after 2 weeks and gave LVEJO notice when to expect answers.
 - CDPH worked with IEPA (yet we received two separate responses)
 - Focused on answering 1- 11
 - Shared the names of contractors
 - Some permit information was provided
 - MCM Management Corporation, but in June, 2018, they switched it up to BB Construction Enterprise. With this change, they also changed disposal handlers/facilities.

Continued: CDPH Response

- **Work Hours:**

- Also, we have their work hours: one initial permit lists 6 am to 2 pm during weekdays, and another lists 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, but a later permit (June 13 revision) expands the work hours from 6am to 6pm and begins to include weekends.
- The permits include a couple of different work end dates. *Abatement was to end by the end of February 2019 and demolition was to end by May 01, 2019 –

- **Facilities:**

- **Republic Services Newton County Landfill** a Brook, IL is a typo on the form and should read Brook, IN. This is the in Brook, Indiana that the asbestos waste was going to across state lines.

Continued: CDPH Response

- **Hilco:**
 - Required to update website on weekly basis, yet only done monthly as of Sept.
 - English website does not have requested information from CDPH and spanish website has even less information
 - On site water to be used for dust suppression
 - Street Sweeper to be used - CDPH requested copy of dust suppression plan (awaiting)
 - Wood River Generating Station in East Alton, IL - Commercial Liability Partners

Continued: CDPH Response

Community Engagement

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- Friday, September 13, 2019- Participated in Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's tour of the Chicago Sanitary and Shipping Canal
- Thursday, September 12, 2019- HACIA and Hilco Redevelopment Partners hosts Subcontractor Open House
- Wednesday, September 11, 2019- Participated in Hispanic American Construction Industry Association's Annual River Cruise
- Friday, September 6, 2019- Update to "Current Site Activity" and "Community/Public Meetings" on www.crawfordstation.com
- Friday, August 30, 2019- Direct mail to over 16,080 Little Village households with an update on site activity and demolition progress
- Wednesday, August 28, 2019- Hilco Helps donates 600+ shoes to Little Village during Project Play event
- Friday, August 26, 2019- Hilco Global presents the first class of Hilco Scholars with their awards to the City Colleges of Chicago
- Friday, August 23, 2019- Site tour with city officials to give an update on the status and goals of the project
- Tuesday, August 6, 2019- IEPA hosts informational community meeting
- Tuesday, August 6, 2019- Update to "Current Site Activity" and "Community/ Public Meetings" on www.crawfordstation.com

IEPA Response

- Answered questions 12-27
- Created a “Site Fact Sheet” on their website:
<https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/community-relations/sites/hilco/Pages/default.aspx>
- Lots of information and assumptions
 - “It does **not appear** on-site soil and groundwater impacts have migrated to neighborhoods north of the site.” - How do they know if site is not being tested!
 - “To date, no permit has been applied for using related affluent for dust suppression.”

Continued: IEPA Response

- Once all site data is received, potential impacts to the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal will be evaluated
- “Based on the sampling results, no remedial measures of the this area are warranted” - Can we see the results?
- Impacts to Sediments : “this fate and transport modeling will occur once the assessment activities are completed.” - What is the timeline?

Next steps: Continue to Stay involved

- Pick up your “Hell No to Hilco” poster!
- Sign and share **Change.org** petition
 - <http://chng.it/byyZzpvTSB>
- Volunteer to host an air monitor
- Report air pollution to CHI 311

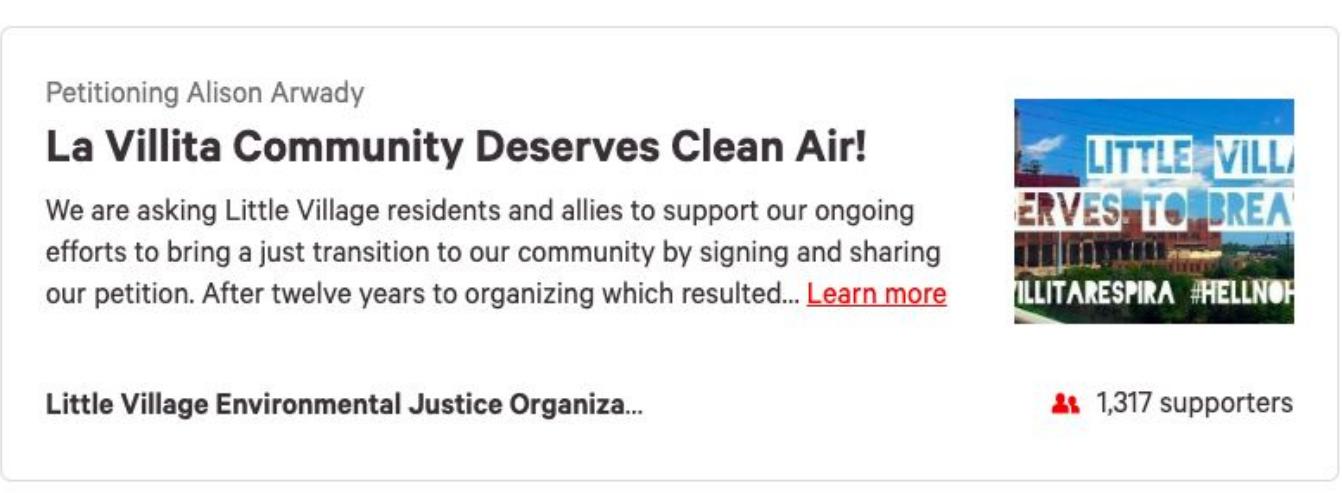
Sign and Share our Petition

- We've started a [Change.org](#) petition
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- Updated as we receive news/updates

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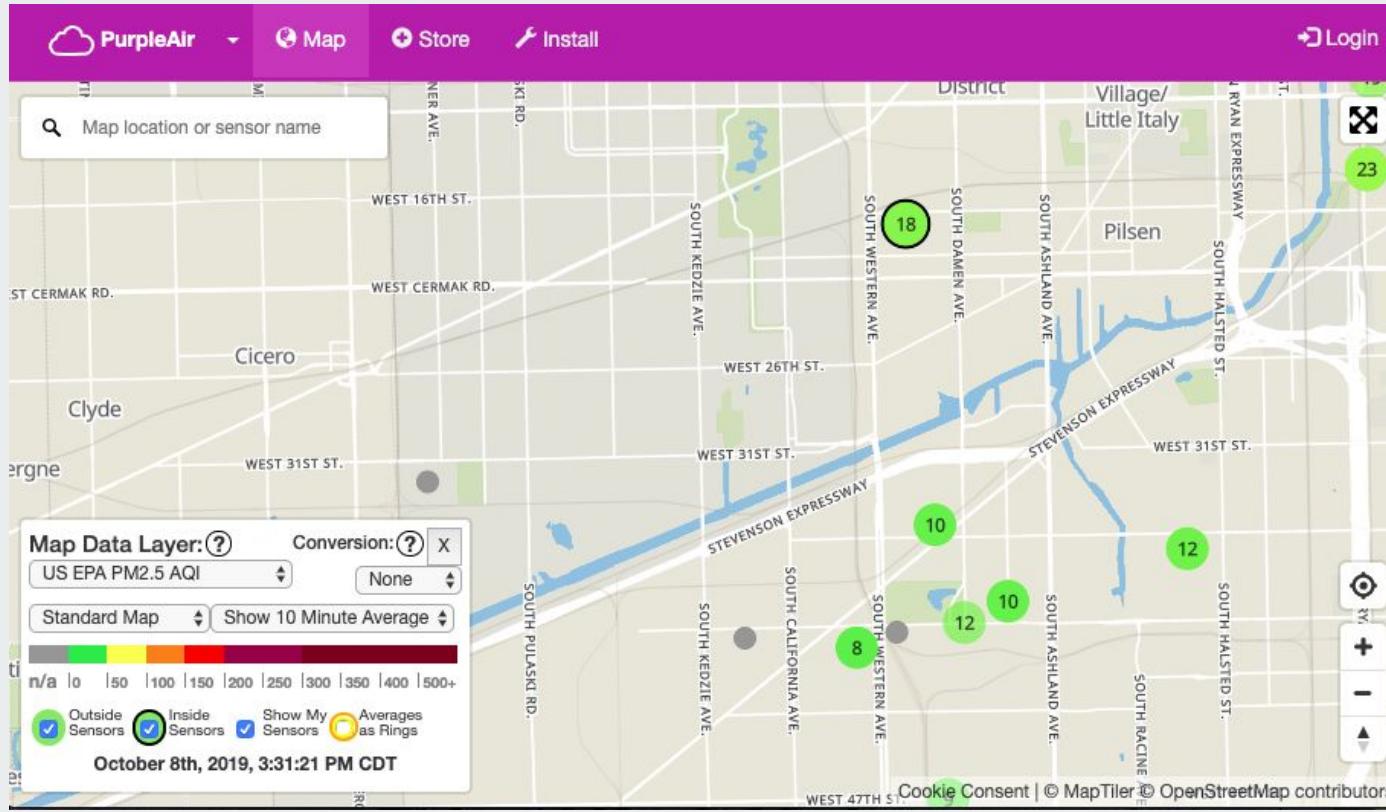


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Who to contact if:

Air Pollution or Heavy Diesel Emissions are in Your Neighborhood

Easy tips to follow:



#1

Call 311 or submit
complaint to IEPA



#2

Provide as
many details



#3

Document
everything



#4

*Calls can be
anonymous

IL Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA)

Online:
<http://bit.ly/pollutioncomplaint>

City of Chicago

Call 311 or use
the CHI 311 app.

- Share as much detailed information: date and time of odor/nuisance/observed air or diesel emissions, location (intersection of streets);
- Take photos and videos and share any evidence, documentation, logs, etc. of pollution that you could provide;
- *Complaints can be anonymous but if you provide the IEPA with information on how to reach you, they can keep you updated on the investigation. In addition, they may need more information from you in order to conduct an adequate investigation.



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Infographic inspired by Neighbors for Environmental Justice (N4EJ). Follow them on Facebook / Twitter @N4EJchicago



Questions Community have for IEPA



What do residents think next steps should be?



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