



Hilco & Air Monitoring

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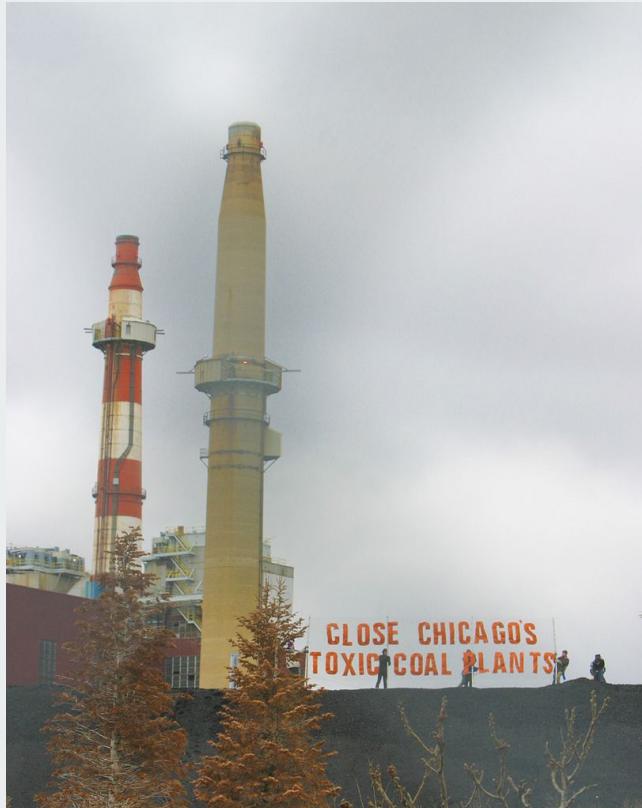
LVEJO 

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

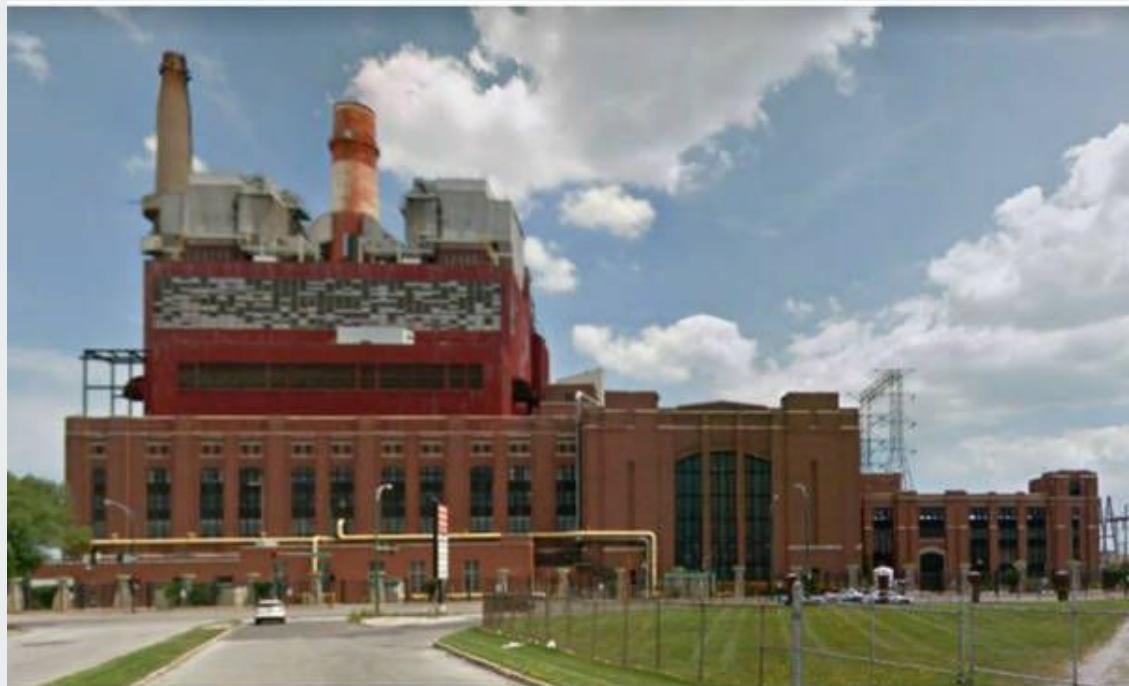
Our Fight Against Crawford



- **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>

Petitioning Alison Arwady

La Villita Community Deserves Clean Air!

We are asking Little Village residents and allies to support our ongoing efforts to bring a just transition to our community by signing and sharing our petition. After twelve years to organizing which resulted... [Learn more](#)



Little Village Environmental Justice Organiza...

1,317 supporters

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

- **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

IEPA Response

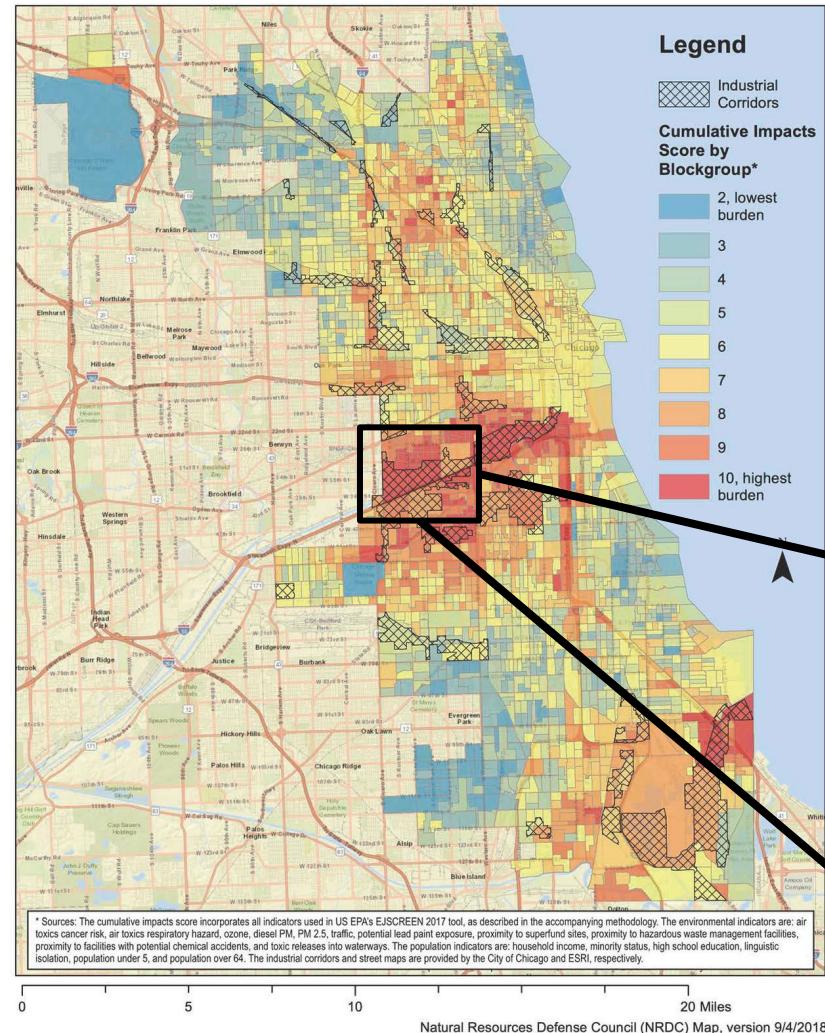
- Answered questions 12-27
- Created a “Site Fact Sheet” on their website:
<https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/community-relations/sites/hilco/Pages/default.aspx>
- Lots of information and assumptions
 - “It does **not appear** on-site soil and groundwater impacts have migrated to neighborhoods north 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?

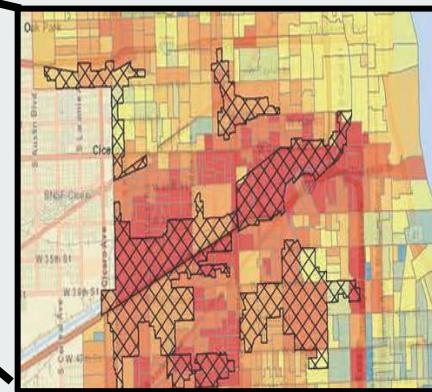
Hilco's Community Engagement

90.	Wednesday, October 16, 2019	Update to "Current Site Activity" and "Community/ Public Meetings" on www.crawfordstation.com
91.	Thursday, October 24, 2019	Hilco Redevelopment Partners participates at the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (IHCC) October Fiesta
92.	Friday, October 25, 2019	Update to "Current Site Activity" and "Community/ Public Meetings" on www.crawfordstation.com
93.	Friday, November 1, 2019	Update to "Current Site Activity" and "Community/ Public Meetings" on www.crawfordstation.com
94.	Friday, November 8, 2019	Update to "Current Site Activity" and "Community/ Public Meetings" on www.crawfordstation.com
95.	Friday, November 15, 2019	Update to "Current Site Activity" and "Community/ Public Meetings" on www.crawfordstation.com
96.	Tuesday, November 20, 2019	Site tour with state officials to provide an update on the status and goals of the project
97.	Friday, November 29, 2019	Update to "Current Site Activity" and "Community/ Public Meetings" on www.crawfordstation.com
98.	Thursday, December 5, 2019	Hilco Redevelopment Partners participates at the Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (IHCC) Monthly Breakfast
99.	Friday, December 6, 2019	Update to "Current Site Activity" and "Community/ Public Meetings" on www.crawfordstation.com
100.	Monday, December 9, 2019	Hispanic American Construction Industry Association (HACIA) and Hilco Redevelopment Partners hosts Subcontractor Open House
101.	Friday, December 13, 2019	Update to "Current Site Activity" and "Community/ Public Meetings" on www.crawfordstation.com
102.	Monday, December 16, 2019	Site tour with state official and Alderman Rodriguez to provide an update on the status and goals of the project
103.	Friday, December 20, 2019	Update to "Current Site Activity" and "Community/ Public Meetings" on www.crawfordstation.com
104.	Friday, December 27, 2019	Update to "Current Site Activity" and "Community/ Public Meetings" on www.crawfordstation.com
	TOTAL	104 Outreach Events

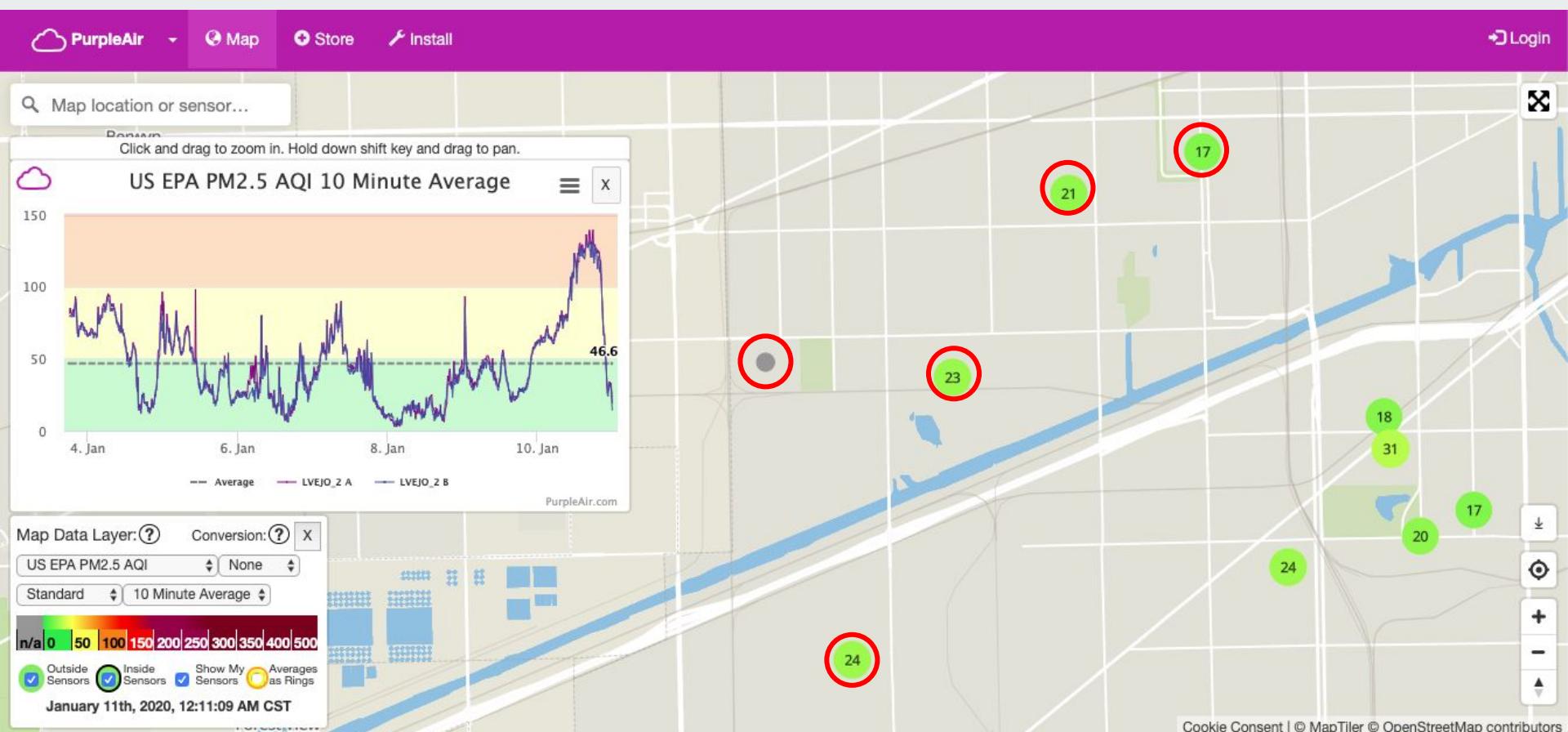


Air Quality Burden in Chicago and Little Village

- Natural Resources Defense Council in collaboration with community organizations publishes map in 2018 to demonstrate how Chicago laws need EJ reform.



Host an air monitor



Stationary Air Monitors Needs



Air Monitor



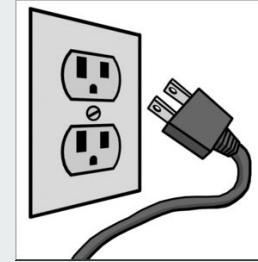
Extension Cord



Zip Ties



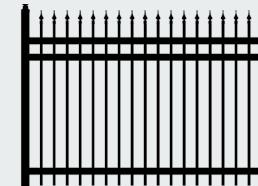
Foam to insulate



Access to an electricity outlet



Access to Wifi



A mounting place

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.



#LaVillitaRespira



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



Next steps: Continue to Stay involved

- Pick up your “Hell No to Hilco” poster!
- Sign and share **Change.org** petition
 - <http://chng.it/byyZzpvtSB>
- Report air pollution to CHI 311
- Establish an air monitoring network in Archer Heights!

Comments / Questions





La Villita Respira

Community Meeting: Updates on accident at the Crawford Plant

When: Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020 - 6pm to 7:15pm

Where: Piotrowski Park Field House - 4247 W. 31st Street

FREE refreshments / Spanish interpretation available / Accessible space / Kid friendly

Since the demolition and remediation process began at the Crawford Coal Plant, we have received numerous calls from current and previous workers on-site during the demolition expressing their safety concerns. We have invited the City of Chicago, City of Chicago Department of Public Health, Alderman Rodriguez, and Hilco to update the community as to the status of the site and respond to demands for safety and accountability.

Junta comunitaria: Noticias sobre accidente en la planta de Crawford

Cuándo: Jueves, 16 de Enero del 2020 - 6pm a 7:15pm

Dónde: Casa de campo de Parque Piotrowski - 4247 W. 31st St.

Botanas / Interpretación en español / Espacio accesible / Actividades para niños

Desde que comenzó el proceso de demolición y remediación en la planta de Crawford, hemos recibido numerosas llamadas de trabajadores actuales y anteriores en el sitio durante la demolición expresando sus preocupaciones de seguridad. Invitamos a la Ciudad de Chicago, al Departamento de Salud Pública de la Ciudad de Chicago, al Concejal Rodríguez y a Hilco para informar a la comunidad sobre el estado del sitio y responder a las demandas de seguridad y responsabilidad.

For more information / Para más información: etovar@lvejo.org or 773.762.6991

Next Community Meeting

- LVEJO will be hosting a community meeting on:
 - Thursday January 16, 2020
 - Piotrowski Park Field House, 4247 W 31st St,
 - 6pm to 7:15pm



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