

IEPA Report Back

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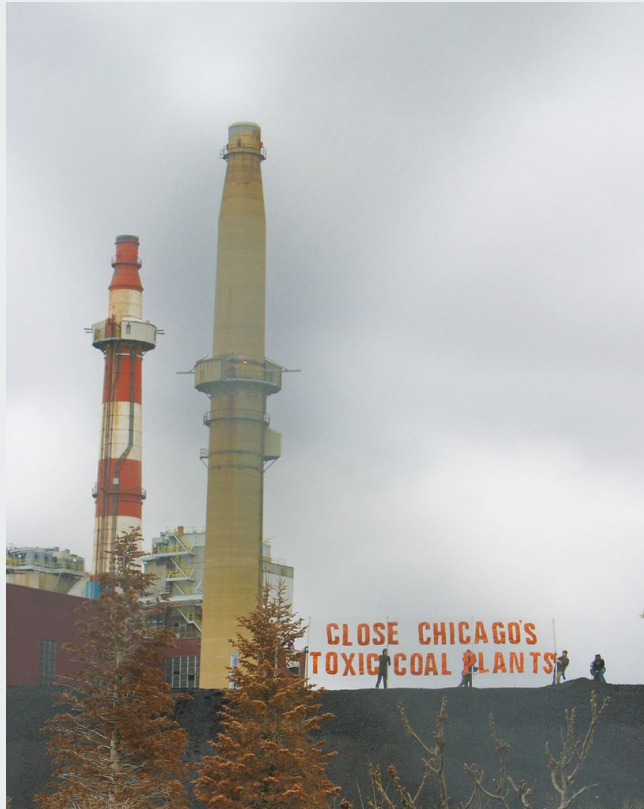


Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO)



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!

Fisk and Crawford Reuse Task Force: Process, Principles and Recommendations



Prepared by the City of
Chicago's Mayor's Fisk
and Crawford Reuse
Task Force

The Task Force has set out **nine Guiding Principles** for redevelopment of the sites, which broadly include:

- Enhancing the ability of residents and businesses to live, work and play in a healthy environment
- Prioritizing quality, living wage jobs
- Identifying and pursuing resources for redevelopment
- Recognizing existing constraints and context for the redevelopment, and
- **Encouraging collaboration of stakeholders on redevelopment, noting that it will likely lead to the best outcome for all.**

The Task Force has listed **13 specific near-term recommendations** to move redevelopment of the sites in this direction. The recommendations focus on:

- **Decommissioning and practical steps for site preparation**
- Community engagement and opportunity for public space and water access
- Marketing and future use
- Improving public sector infrastructure, and
- Immediate next steps

Demolishment & 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.



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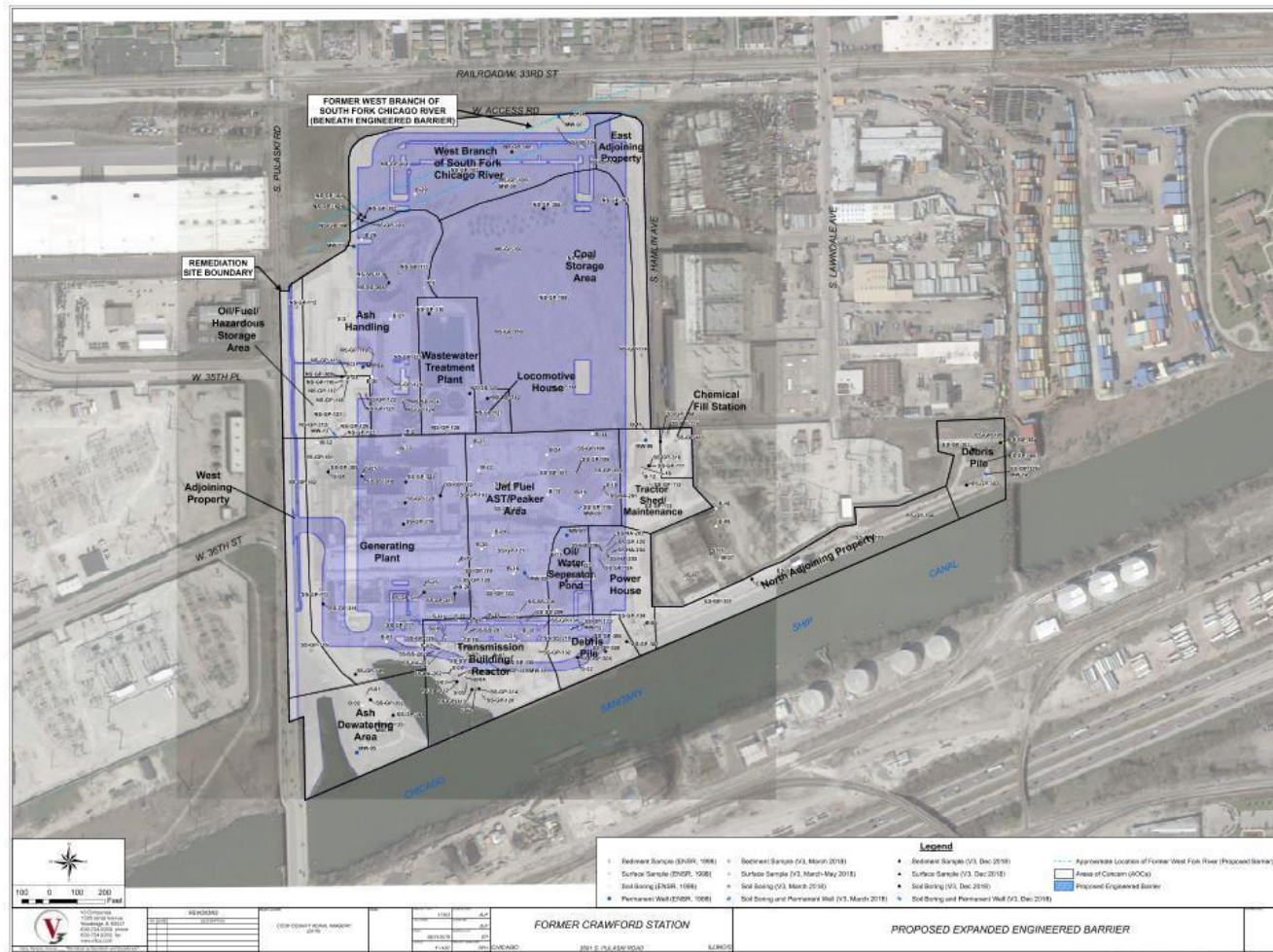
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City Tells Worried Little Village Residents To 'Limit Outdoor Activities' As Crews Demolish Old Coal Plant

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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Next Steps

- Sign and share **Change.org** petition
 - <http://chnng.it/byyZzpvTSB>
- Contact folxs on info sheet
- Report air pollution to CHI 311 and IEPA
- Volunteer with LVEJO to canvass / help residents report air pollution

UPDATE: [Change.Org](#) Petition is LIVE!

- A timeline for work on the site;
- Names & permits of the contractors hired for the remediation of the Crawford Coal Power Plant site including Asbestos;
- Air Monitoring along the Crawford Coal Power Plant perimeter and homes closest to site to ensure the protection of the community at large and workers;
- Soil testing of fence line properties along the Crawford Coal Power Plant site
- Testing of the Sanitation and Ship Canal for contamination from operations on the Crawford Coal Power Plant site;
- CDPH to flyer and host local informational events to educate the community at large of the process in Spanish & English;
- Ongoing copies of the Violations and Inspections on site;
- Copy of current water permit & Inspections for water treatment plant on site.

UPDATE: **Change.Org** Petition is LIVE!

- <http://chnq.it/byyZzpvTSB>

Petitioning Alison Arwady Interim Commissioner Chicago Department of

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...

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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





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