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Neighborhood

Opinion

Neighborhood group thinks Kipp is avoiding new air pollution rules

From Clean Air Madison

In the last issue of the Eastside News, Clean Air Madison members encouraged neighbors to write to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and request it process the pending permit renewal application submitted by Madison-Kipp Corporation. Kipp's permit, which approves air pollution from all its operations, expired May 10. Only if DNR processes the renewal application will new air quality requirements be applied to Kipp air pollution discharges. DNR has thus far refused to process the renewal application, ignoring requests from Clean Air Madison, our state representatives and neighborhood petitions. Here is a recent message sent to the DNR from one of our neighbors:

"A recent article in our neighborhood newspaper said the air pollution permit for Madison-Kipp expired last May and the company has asked the DNR to renew their permit. The article said

that when the DNR renews the Kipp permit it will use a new air quality model which shows that Kipp is violating air standards. My neighbors and I live on Marquette Street next to Kipp. My soil is contaminated by Kipp's pollutants and continues to undergo further testing. The noise and fumes of Kipp are often present in the neighborhood. If Kipp is violating air pollution standards, it should be required to modify their practices and clean up any residual pollution. The article said neighbors have submitted petitions to the DNR and our state representatives have also written, but the DNR has yet to use the new model and process Kipp's application. I am writing to ask that you stop waiting and make Kipp clean up its air pollution. We have been inhaling their fumes for far too long."

As shown during last year's contested case hearing over Kipp's last air pollution permit, current discharges from Kipp are causing violations of air quality standards. CAM confirmed this conclusion with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recently approved air quality model, AERMOD, which DNR must now use to renew Kipp's emissions permit. You can visit CAM's website and see the areas around Kipp that are predicted to cause air quality standard violations. These violations will not be stopped until DNR processes the pending renewal application. CAM encourages neighbors to contact the DNR and encourage the processing of Kipp's renewal application. Contact Eileen Pierce at eileen.pierce@dnr.state.wi.us or 275-3266. For more information and to support CAM, visit our website: www.cleanairmadison.org. ■



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