



EGLE Additional Permit Requirements and Press Release

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II. PERMIT CONDITIONS REQUESTED BY THE APPLICANT

1. The permittee shall implement an enhanced air monitoring program at the facility to address citizen concerns. No less than 180 days after beginning construction pursuant to Permit to Install No. 14-19, the permittee shall submit a monitoring plan for the enhanced air monitoring program to the AQD Air Monitoring Unit. The plan shall include specific information regarding the number of locations, pollutants to be monitored, instrumentation and methodologies proposed for operation of the monitoring sites. Following approval of a plan, the permittee shall begin monitoring all specified pollutants, according to the approved plan, no later than the date of startup of the Mack Avenue Assembly Plant. Monitoring shall continue for at least ten years.³ **(R 336.1201(3))**
2. The permittee shall keep records of all air monitoring data collected in the air monitoring program. The permittee shall submit all records to the AQD Air Monitoring Unit in an acceptable format within 45 days following the end of the quarter in which the data were collected.³ **(R 336.1201(3))**
3. The permittee shall work with the City of Detroit, through the Community Benefits Ordinance to identify additional projects for the community surrounding the facility. No less than 180 days after beginning construction pursuant to Permit to Install No. 14-19, the permittee shall submit to the AQD District Supervisor and AQD Permit Section Manager a plan for the additional projects. Some examples of additional projects may include the installation of filters at area residences and local schools or fence-line monitoring.³ **(R 336.1201(3))**

On Friday, April 27, 2019, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) announced the issuance of Fiat Chrysler America (FCA) air permits with additional monitoring and community benefit requirements. In addition to land assembly, approval of a community benefits package by the Neighborhood Advisory Council (NAC), zoning approvals and other planning, these EGLE permits are one of many moving parts to finalize the Fiat Chrysler expansion.

- The permits are for the installation of a new assembly line and emissions increase in Detroit's Lower East Side *and* a reduction in emissions at their existing facility in Warren.
- Both plants are within an EPA designated nonattainment area for ozone, which means that ozone levels are above national, health-based air quality standards.
- Detroit's Eastside has some of the highest asthma rates in the city.

Many impact area residents and environmental justice advocates submitted comments at the April 19th public hearing hosted by EGLE (then named MEDQ) at Southeastern High School. In the closing days of the negotiations around the community benefits package with Fiat Chrysler, resident concern about the environmental and health impacts of the plant and other pertinent issues came to the forefront.

The EGLE press release states; "As part of the public comment period and public hearing... there were several requests for air monitoring near the facility and for additional work with the community to identify projects that would have local benefit." Mary Ann Dolehanty, EGLE Air Quality Division Director is quoted; "Those comments led to the inclusion of both additional air monitoring and community benefit requirements in the permits that were issued today."

While we are still learning details about the planning and implementation of these aspect of the permits, we want to recognize the residents of the impact area who organized around these issues and spoke out about the reality of public health in their community to influence outcomes here. Along with residents and the environmental justice community, Equitable Detroit

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