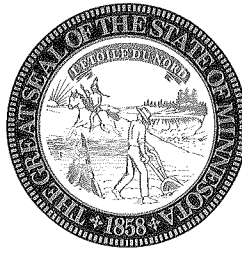


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June 8, 2009

Minneapolis Planning Commission
City Hall
250 S 4th St Room 110
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear Members of the Minneapolis Planning Commission:

I urge that you do not take any action on the HERC expansion request at this time. I am only finding out about this at the very last minute and am concerned that public notice was given only within 350 feet of the HERC facility. This is unacceptable. This burner affects city residents across Minneapolis and well beyond.

Much more time is needed to fully investigate the 5 year old MPCA permit, which I have learned may be expired. I understand that the HERC may now be out of compliance with current EPA air pollution regulations.

I urge that no action be taken on this permit by the planning commission unless and until the MPCA permit is fully brought up to date, the HERC fully re-inspected and processes and emissions reviewed and a full public notice and input process completed.

As you know, I represent three inner-city neighborhoods that are downwind from the burner, and the environmental justice issues raised by additional air pollutants may violate the cumulative health impact law enacted in 2008 to protect the Phillips neighborhood. Please keep this in mind as you go forward.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me for either additional information or discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Clark".

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