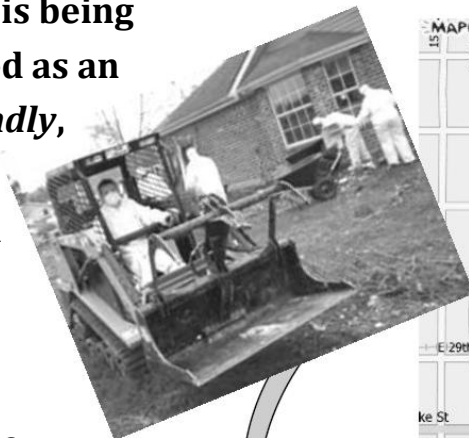




“Eco” Energy or More Pollution?!

The diverse residents of the Midtown community already live with a high level of toxic pollutants, creating significant health and environmental concerns. We believe that current support for the project is based on inadequate information and inadequate public input. We are convinced that this project, as it stands, will create unacceptable levels of air pollution and pose a danger to community health and sustainability.

The Midtown Burner is being aggressively marketed as an environmentally-friendly, community-owned power plant, that will directly benefit the people of Midtown.

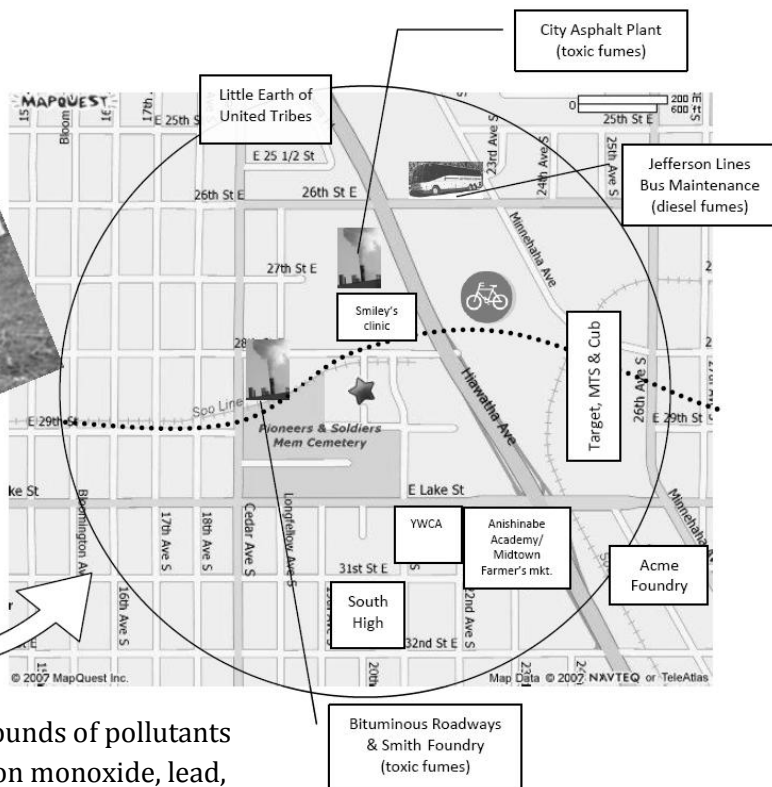


The reality couldn't be further from the truth.

According to the MN Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA)

technical specifications, the burner will emit up to 1 million pounds of pollutants each year! Toxins include: nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, lead, PM 10 & 2.5 (nano particles), hydrogen chloride, formaldehyde, benzene, sulfuric acid, arsenic, cadmium, mercury and many more. The cumulative effects of these toxins coupled with existing pollution are likely to have significant impacts on an already vulnerable population. This is in stark contrast to the present smokestack emissions which are zero!

Kandiyohi Development Partners (KDP) is a for-profit, privately held company with deep connections to City Hall. Those connections have allowed this project to go unchallenged until the last MPCA public hearing in December 2007. If not for the concerned residents at that meeting, this project would have undoubtedly received an air permit from the MPCA and proceeded to completion with virtually no public input!



Arsenic Superfund Site
→ Many residents live with toxic levels of arsenic in their yards, requiring complete soil removal & replacement!

MIDTOWN BURNER?

NO!

Our Air! Our Health!

(up to 1 MILLION POUNDS of TOXIC AIR each year)

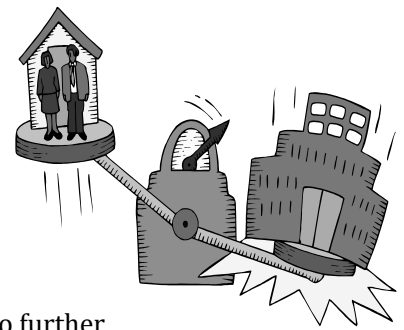
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The residents of Phillips, Corcoran, Longfellow and Seward will receive no benefits from this facility, in fact, they will lose more. Electricity costs won't be lower (with construction costs and higher production costs, electricity from biomass is likely to cost more!), property values will not be increased (would you buy next to a polluting power plant?), the 7 entry-level jobs (targeted for residents) won't have much economic impact for families or the community, and since the facility is not directly replacing 24.5 megawatts generated by a coal-fired plant, it's really just adding more electricity to the grid and more pollution to the environment. In reality, Midtown residents will be paying the price for this project while the developers and power companies turn a handsome profit!

"I... have a problem with developments that hyper-exploit politically vulnerable communities for a profit."
Majora Carter, Environmentalist, Founder and Executive Director of Sustainable South Bronx

Who Benefits and Who Pays?



Any amount of toxic emissions is a net addition to the already overburdened community. For elected officials to continue to support the project would be a violation of the MPCA's environmental justice policy, and would be an act of environmental racism!

We must demand that:

- elected officials withdraw all forms of support for the project as it now stands -- that no further decisions be made without broad community input based on complete and accurate information about community risks and benefits.
- all project information be presented with adequate public notice, translated into languages commonly spoken by community residents (English, Spanish and Somali) and at times and locations easily accessible to community residents.
- public and community health, environmental racism and environmental justice become top criteria in determining whether to build this industrial power plant.
- an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be prepared in order to thoroughly examine the potential environmental and health consequences of this proposed facility.
- Xcel energy not enter into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) unless we are certain that this facility will not have harmful effects upon some of the most marginalized members of our society (children, the elderly, low-income families, newly immigrated and people of color).

Many are saying:

I am in favor of energy derived from renewable, "green" sources -- but NOT if it comes at the expense of public health and environmental justice. Therefore, I urge you to act now to withdraw all public support of the Midtown Eco-Energy power plant, proposed to be built in south Minneapolis.

Here's what you can do!

Email, call or visit: Commissioner McLaughlin, your State Senator & Representative, the MPCA, Mayor Rybak and your City Councilperson

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