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Attn. Karen Martin
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I'm writing this letter, in reference to the Cleanup articles I read in local papers, concerning American Chemical Co., located in Griffith, on Colfax Ave.

The article stated, concerned citizens, can mail their comments, concerning clean up, to you. After reading local papers, I decided to write, because I became worried, when I read, some of the hazardous materials might be eliminated, by burning off, along with removal.

This method of burning off, could be dangerous to residents, living in vicinity of Chemical Plant. My reason for saying this is, although we live one and a half miles away from the Plant, we always knew when the Plant was burning dangerous residues of chemicals, they were disposing of.

They would do this late at night. I recall one summer morning, several years ago, waking up with a terrible headache. The fact bedroom window was open, caused some very deadly fumes into our house, it smelled like lead.

My headache lasted all day. The fumes had penetrated through the entire house, including, basement, garage, and furnishings. It took several days for the horrible stench to leave. From that time on, I was careful, to keep windows closed at night.

On humid days, or at twilight, the chemical odors continued, and doors had to be kept closed.

I noticed my garden plants began to die, the leaves of flowers began to yellow, became spotted, and shrinded. I reported the happenings to local paper, I complained to the Police, about odors from the Plant, also complained to Management of American Chemical Plant.

In closing this letter, I hope no rash judgment is made, allowing burn off, that might be very harmful to the residents in Griffith, also wildlife and plant-life. Removal would be the safer method to use.

I'm glad I was able to give my opinion, concerning this matter.

Sincerely

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