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Good morning, Alyssa. We wanted to share EPA's Southeast Chicago Air Quality Report with you. As you'll see below, EPA transmitted it to CDPH minutes ago.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We'd be happy to set a time to discuss the data if that's of interest.

All the best,

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Subject: EPA air quality analysis

Good morning Megan and Dave:

In response to citizens' concerns about air quality on Chicago's southeast side, EPA began an air quality analysis of existing data in April, 2021. EPA recently finalized the study and prepared a report, which we are now providing to you as requested, as part of our ongoing technical assistance to CDPH while it conducts a Health Impact Assessment to inform a decision on the pending RMG permit. This analysis of ambient air quality data from Chicago's southeast side includes a comparison with such data from other parts of Chicago and nearby areas and provides the best available information we have on the distribution of the monitored pollutants. The introduction to the report also identifies limitations on the data used in EPA's analysis.

We are providing this analysis to assist CDPH's review of the aggregate potential health effects of the proposed RMG facility, which we understand will assess other potential impacts and information on population vulnerability (such as public health data). This report is neither a full evaluation of impacts in this community nor a disparate impact analysis. We are happy to assist in further analysis of ambient air quality data to support its use in assessing environmental justice concerns. We also look forward to continuing to work with the City over the longer term to address the complex environmental challenges in Chicago's southeast side.

Best,
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