

CRODA Public Hearing Comments

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To Whom it May Concern:

I have received information from Jeanette Swain after she was on the July 16th Information virtual session as well as the Public Hearing on July 21, 2020. I agree with Jeanette on her response and stand by her:

I am disappointed that the various questions that were submitted on July 16th were not included in the Formal Public Hearing that was really not open to the public. DNREC had it's say and CRODA had it's short say and the meeting was adjourned. Why ask the community for questions if you are not going to let it be known in a Public Hearing and will not allow the Public to participate? I would like to have someone answer this question for my community as well as others. The public notice that was in the newspaper and on DNREC website alerts the community that the emission increase for the addition of Blend Tan C will be 0.36 ton per year of volatile organic compounds including the hazardous air pollutants but we don't know what they are, but that the primary hazardous air pollutants is Dioxane. This is in addition to the Ethylene Oxide production that CRODA manufacturers at the Cherry Lane New Castle location. According to the EPA's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Dioxan is used primarily as a solvent in the manufacture of chemicals and as a laboratory reagent, and it has a variety of adverse health effects. Per CRODA's application this compound emission will be vented into the atmosphere. This would not be bad, IF CRODA was located in a rural area, but it is not. CRODA is located in an industrial park in the back of Collins Park, a residential community with approximately 700 homes. Per CRODA's submitted DNREC Division of Air Quality application to Construct, Operate, or Modify Stationary Sources, it does not plan to monitor the pollutants being released. This is a public health hazard to humans and CRODA should not be allowed to add to the already hazardous Ethylene Oxide. Lastly, I think the way that DNREC conducted the CRODA Public Hearings is unacceptable. The process should be changed to include the public. Communities should be allowed to speak during the public hearing, NOT after the hearing.

I also want to make you aware that CRODA has not done anything for the Collins Park community as they have previously stated. That is a false statement. I also think that CRODA is taking advantage of the Pandemic and trying to slip by with their agenda without anyone noticing.

Thank you,

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