

POLLUTION MATTERS

Air pollution is affecting everyone who lives and works in Jefferson County.

GET INFORMED.

1. Jefferson County is home to some of the dirtiest air in the nation.
2. Walter Coke is one of the worst polluting plants in Jefferson County; its pollution permit is up for renewal.
3. Air pollution is a health risk. Exposure increases the risk of cancer, lung disease, heart disease, asthma, emphysema, and COPD.
4. Clean air is good for your health, our economy, and the environment.
5. Signs your health is being affected by air pollution odor include: changes in appetite, sleep difficulty, respiratory issues, nausea, and more.

GET INVOLVED:

- Attend the Public Hearing on May 20th (details below).
- You will have 3 minutes to speak at the hearing. Your comments should focus on:
 - How do soot and odor from air pollution affect your health and daily life?
 - Evidence shows that Walter Coke's emissions exceed the already weak **cancer risk level** set by the Jefferson County Department of Health.
 - Residents living close to the polluting industries should be involved in decisions on what level of cancer is considered acceptable, rather than making these decisions behind closed doors.
 - Technology exists to prevent air pollution. Walter Coke should be using all available technology to prevent pollution.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Walter Coke Public Hearing

Tuesday, May 20

4–7:30 p.m.

North Birmingham Public Library

2501 31st Ave N

Birmingham, AL 35207

NEED HELP?

Call the GASP Helpline at 1.866.581.GASP (4277) for assistance in recording and reporting your air pollution concerns to the appropriate agencies.

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