

Dear Allegheny County Health Department-

For over 150 years, Pittsburghers have been forced to breathe the emissions from the McConway & Torley steel foundry, one of the dirtiest polluters in the country. Allegheny County Health Department needs to finally listen to years of community concerns and hold this facility to a standard emphasizing public health.

Located less than a mile from Arsenal Middle School, this facility releases dangerous neurotoxins such as manganese and a history of emitting at unsafe levels. At least 6 times between 2011 and 2015, the Health Department measured manganese levels above the EPA safe limit. It is past time for them to be held to a standard that prioritizes the health of our community.

In order for Pittsburgh to be a vibrant region that can attract and retain top talent, businesses and families need to feel safe moving their families here. Nobody wants to put their kids at risk for asthma, cancer, or any of the other diseases caused by our polluted skies. As long as we continue to have some of the worst air in the country, we will not reach our full potential.

We, the undersigned business and community leaders, call on the Allegheny County Health Department to issue a public health based permit that puts first the health of our lungs. We urge you to hold McConway & Torley to health-based emission standards that put people first, to rigorously monitor emissions, and to enforce compliance.

The Allegheny County Health Department has an opportunity to protect the health of the more than 145,000 people who live within three miles of this facility-- so let's not waste it.

Signed,
The following 17 community leaders

Businesses

Omar Abuhejleh
Owner,
B52 Cafe



Mary Coleman
Owner
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