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I appreciate the work MPCA has put into this permit to help keep our neighborhood more safe. I do not trust Water Gremlin to try to keep the neighborhood, or their employees safe-they have proven time and time again that if they are not monitored closely, they will do what they want to do. This includes poisoning the community with TCE far over the limit for more than 17 years, and more recently, poisoned their employees and their employees children with lead that was not handled properly, mishandling/not caring about pollutants and hazardous waste so it was discharged into the environment, and TWO DOZEN VIOLATIONS MPCA staff documented during the 10 inspections since 2019.

In particular regarding the permit:

- I support the 5 year permit (which allows the community to weigh-in again in 5 years).
- I support the limits the Department of Health set for tDCE, especially given the extreme levels of pollution our neighborhood and the employees have been exposed to.
- I disagree with the 2 year sunset clause on monitoring requirements. As stated above, in all cases, Water Gremlin has not proven to be trustworthy enough to self-monitor. The monitoring should continue through the life of the permit.
- I support ALL of the air monitoring requirements and vapor remediation requirements outlined in this permit. Again, even with strict monitoring, Water Gremlin has proven untrustworthy to consider the safety of their employees and the community their highest priority.
- I want assurances by MPCA that pollution control equipment is ACTUALLY WORKING, and not rely on Water Gremlin self-report.
- I want immediate notification of violations be shared with the community that has been impacted by Water Gremlin.

In conclusion, Water Gremlin has not proved to be a trustworthy business and should not be allowed to self-report data. Water Gremlin has not actually improved practices to ensure the safety of their employees and the communities, unless forced to, and even then there are violations, regardless of what they are saying. Treat them as their actions have proved they need to be treated, hold them to a higher standard than trustworthy companies, and continue monitoring them.