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Contents of a cumulative impacts analysis: What do you think about the overview of the quantitative analysis concept so far?

I think you are doing just enough to say you have done community engagement

Contents of a cumulative impacts analysis: How can the facility work with the community to bring the data found in the data tool to life?

They can use the data to show what is really happening in the communities being transparent. Use interactive data analysis programs and use other states that have done a good job ahead of us as examples. You have proven you don't want to be a trailblazer of any sorts when it comes to industry standards so at least follow a state that has its communities Health and Wellness as a top priority you can piggy back off of them and look like a respectable state agency.

Contents of a cumulative impacts analysis: What would your expectations be for the facility to transparently use your lived experiences in this analysis?

I would expect for the facility to be held to an extremely high standard of operation. There should not be allowed any pollution happening. Our planet can not handle anymore pollution happening to it. I love the use of transparency in this question because the agency asking these questions is anything but transparent. But through my lived experience there needs to be the highest level of enforcement and no polluting allowed from the start because once they are allowed to operate you will have a hell of a time getting them to shut down if you find out they are operating outside of their air permit. It will be a hell of a battle to hold the company accountable and the MPCA accountable to make someone do the right thing and by not polluting the neighborhood. My expectations are for any facility to have to meet strict guidelines that they will not be a polluter in the space they want to build in. And that every facility has mandatory inspections every 2 years. If that means a supervisor has to leave the building to do an inspection so be it.

Substantial Adverse Impacts: What do you like about this approach to substantial adverse impacts? What concerns do you have?

I think it is okay. I still think it leaves room for interpretation. I still think you leave loop holes for lawyers. But you have to give every facility a chance.

Substantial Adverse Impacts: The PCA is considering using lived experiences and other forms of qualitative data as part of this analysis.

Good, you need to listen to the community.

Substantial Adverse Impacts: How would you like the MPCA and the facility to consider your lived experiences and stories as part of this analysis? How should we collect them? How should the consideration of quantitative and qualitative data be balanced in this analysis?

Well, you need to actually go and listen to the community. I have been to many of your meetings with your one staff member in particular who you name as your contact for all of these meetings. She is not the staff person to send. The community doesn't trust her. You need to send us someone else. You need another out reach team that the community actually believes in. This team isn't working for you.

Substantial Adverse Impacts: How should the MPCA review lived experiences/qualitative analyses when deciding if a facility has substantial adverse impacts?

Well, I am not expert but I am sure your team can figure that out. You need to find a better staff to come and gather the data before you can analyze anything.

Any other general comments or feedback:

Yes, you need to send a new faces of the MPCA at these community meetings. You need to do more creative out reach in other languages. When I recieve the emails they seem to be all in English. I am sure you are not hosting workshops in other languages. You should be ASHAMED yourselves for your lack of effort in doing working with community and organizing meetings for underserved communities. Please make sure when you have staff members at these meetings they are always on their best behavior and not in high-school gossiping.