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Director Barry A. Withers
Public Utilities Dept.
1201 Lakeside Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44114

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The Cleveland Industrial Air Pollution Advisory Committee (CIAPAC) is a citizens' advisory board which supports the efforts of the Division of Air Quality, monitors air quality issues, and makes recommendations to the city aimed at improving the quality of the air we breathe. CIAPAC, appointed by the mayor and City Council, is comprised of neighborhood residents, environmental attorneys, representatives of businesses and environmental groups and public health advocates.

We have read with interest media stories on the new power plant being proposed for the Ridge Road transfer station. We applaud efforts to promote renewable energy and create jobs; at the same time, because the technology is new and therefore unfamiliar, and because some of the news stories have not explained the technology in-depth, we were wondering if we could have more information about the project.

Specifically, we would like to know :

- 1) What types of emissions will be produced at the plant; and what will be the emissions levels for various types of pollutants?
- 2) What is the potential for hazardous emissions from the plant?
- 3) What safeguards will be put in place in the event of a malfunction at the plant?
- 4) How will the waste stream at the plant be controlled so as to protect harmful emissions from being released into the atmosphere?
- 5) Are there any other health or safety issues associated with the plant?
- 6) Is the timing known as to when an air permit will be sought? Will there be a public hearing associated with the air permit?

We would appreciate any information you can provide so that we can be informed in our role as air quality advisors. We would be happy to have you speak with us in person or you can respond in writing. I will give you a follow-up call for your response; I can be contacted at 216-671-2710, ext. 215.

Sincerely,
Members of the Cleveland Industrial Air Pollution Advisory Committee
Lori Ashyk chair