



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
CITY OF CHICAGO

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Antonio Muñoz
State Senator, 1st District
1836 W. 35th Street
Chicago, IL 60609

Re: CDPH permitting process and permit for MAT hot mix asphalt plant in McKinley Park

Dear Senator Muñoz:

The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) is committed to protecting the health and well-being of all Chicagoans. Ensuring that our residents can breathe clean air is a top priority. I want to thank you for your dedication to this issue, and for the information about your upcoming town hall meeting to discuss the hot mix asphalt plant in McKinley Park. I would like to describe our current permitting process and how we will monitor this and other facilities in the future.

CDPH receives applications for air pollution control permits from businesses seeking to install or operate equipment that has the potential to emit air contaminants. An environmental engineer reviews the application. If the facility could be a significant source of air emissions, the engineer will check whether an IEPA permit has been issued or applied for. If all of the information is in order and any necessary IEPA permits are confirmed, CDPH will approve the permit.

After reviewing their application, we issued a permit to MAT Asphalt on November 3, 2017. The permit, which is attached, includes details about the covered equipment. CDPH will regularly monitor and inspect this and other permitted facilities for compliance with permit requirements and to ensure that the proper controls are in place to prevent emission of contaminants.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 312-747-9870 or julie.morita@cityofchicago.org.

Thank you,

Julie Morita, MD
Commissioner, Chicago Department of Public Health

Enclosure: Air Pollution Control Permit # ENVAIR863242 for MAT Asphalt