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Judge Rules in Favor of Jeffersonville Senior Citizens and Dismisses MAC Asphalt Plant Case

Jeffersonville, December 8, 2014: Judge Jacobi has ruled in favor of the Jeffersonville senior citizens who have been fighting for clean air for over four years and dismissed their case. The request for a dismissal came after Jeffersonville Mayor Mike Moore revoked the plant's zoning permit.

In an ironic move, MAC Construction filed an Objection to the Motion to Dismiss the case and argued to continue the case. The seniors stated that the case had become moot since the city's revocation action. MAC may now appeal the revocation to the Board of Zoning Appeals or apply for a zoning variance.

According to public records of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), the MAC plant has been found in violation six (6) times in the past eight years. As recently as 2009, MAC agreed to pay IDEM a \$4,400 penalty due to stack emissions problems at the plant.

At issue have been the fumes and other possibly toxic chemicals potentially emitted from the plant. A quick check of MAC's Federally Enforceable State Operation Permit (FESOP) which is issued by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) reveals a number of very serious pollutants which the plant is allowed to emit in certain quantities. Some of the more ominous chemicals are:

- Benzene
- Arsenic
- Nickel
- Dichlorobenzene
- Xylene
- Mercury
- Toluene
- Cadmium
- Hexane
- Selenium
- Chromium
- Formaldehyde
- Beryllium
- Phenol
- Cobalt

Additionally, MAC representatives have been quoted recently in the press stating that the plant provided up to 80 jobs for the local community. However, after a Common Construction Wage hearing in Harrison County on November 12, MAC Asphalt Operations employee, Kris Bernens, commented that MAC's Jeffersonville asphalt plant operated with a staff of only of 3 - 4 workers.

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