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Eula Lopez

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Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 2:48 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: FW: Cornerstone Chemical Company (Frontier Facility
Attachments: Violation dated February 6, 2018.PDF; Violation dated June 6, 2016.PDF; Violation dated June 28, 2019.PDF

I am totally against the Cornerstone Chemical Company building the Hydrogen Cyanide Plant. My family lives in River Ridge. This includes my mother who is 95 years old and grandchildren varying from the age of 3 to 11 years old.

The is an extremely dangerous situation for any person of any age. The Cornerstone Chemical Plant has received a violation from the United Sates Environmental Protection Agency almost every other year. See attached. These are only the violations that were caught. What else are they doing? How can you allow this Hydrogen Cyanide Plant to be built with a company that does not abide by the rules? Your vote could potently place all of the citizens in Jefferson Parish in grave danger.

Best, Diane De Paula Sloan

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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED: 7015 1520 0003 3989 9006

Mr. Paul Mikesell
Chief Operating Officer
Cornerstone Chemical Company
10800 River Road
Waggaman, LA 70094

RE: Clean Air Act Section 114 Information Request
Cornerstone Chemical Company - Fortier Facility

Dear Mr. Mikesell:

Enclosed is an Information Request Letter ("Request") issued to Cornerstone Chemical Company, 10800 River Road, Waggaman, LA. This request is being made pursuant to the authority set forth in Section 114 of the Clean Air Act ("CAA"). Pursuant to this authority, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), Region 6 may require facilities to submit information in order to determine compliance with related provisions of the CAA.

Improperly operated flares have the potential to affect public health by increasing emissions of toxic air pollutants and volatile organic compounds, which may pose a health risk. Due to widespread noncompliance with regulations governing flare operations industry-wide, and information specific to your facility, EPA is issuing this Request.

Please provide the information requested within forty-five (45) days of receipt of this letter. If you have any technical questions, please direct them to Sarah Frey at (214) 665-6499. If you have any legal questions, need to request an extension, or wish to schedule a meeting to discuss this Request, please contact Justin Lannen of the Office of Regional Counsel at (214) 665-8130. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cheryl T. Seager".

Cheryl T. Seager
Director
Compliance Assurance and
Enforcement Division

Enclosures:

- A. Information Request
- B. Statement of Certification

cc: Michelle McCarthy, Manager
Air Enforcement Section, Enforcement Division
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
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ENCLOSURE A

INFORMATION REQUEST

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") Region 6 is issuing this request for information to Cornerstone Chemical Company ("Cornerstone") pursuant to Section 114(a) of the Clean Air Act ("CAA" or the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7414(a), for the purpose of determining compliance with the CAA. Section 114(a) authorizes the Administrator of EPA to require the submission of information. The Administrator has delegated this authority to the Director of the Enforcement Division, EPA Region 6. Therefore, Cornerstone is required to provide a response to this Request regarding Cornerstone's Fortier Facility located in Waggaman, Louisiana (the "Facility").

The information requested must be submitted whether or not you regard part or all of it a trade secret or confidential business information. You may, if you desire, assert a business confidentiality claim on all or part of the information submitted. Any information subsequently determined to constitute a trade secret will be protected under 18 U.S.C. § 1905. Unless you make a claim at the time that you submit the information, it may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to you. You should read 40 C.F.R. Part 2 carefully before asserting a business confidentiality claim, since certain categories of information are not properly the subject of a claim. Emission data is exempt from claims of confidentiality under Section 114 of the Act, and the emissions data that you provide may be made available to the public. Information subject to a business confidentiality claim is available to the public only to the extent allowed under 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. Failure to assert a business confidentiality claim makes all submitted information available to the public without further notice.

Information submitted in response to this Request must be certified as true, accurate, and complete by an individual with sufficient knowledge and authority to make such representations on behalf of Cornerstone. A Statement of Certification for making such representations is provided as Enclosure B. A knowing submittal of false information in response to this Request may be actionable under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 42 U.S.C. § 7413(c). *See also* 18 U.S.C. §§ 1341 and 1519. Furthermore, failure to fully comply with this Request may subject Cornerstone to an enforcement action under Section 113 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413.

EPA may use any information submitted in response to this request in an administrative, civil, or criminal action.

If information responsive to one of the requests below was previously provided to EPA in response to a recent EPA Air Compliance Inspection or prior Section 114 Information Request, EPA does not require that such information be submitted again. In lieu of resubmitting such information, for each such request below, please indicate the date that such information was provided to EPA and to whom it was provided, and identify specifically where in the response the information can be found (response number, dates stamp number). However, to the extent that this Section 114 Information Request

requires submission of information that post-dates the information provided in response to the prior Section 114 Information Request, EPA requires that additional information be provided or updated. If the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) has taken enforcement action in response to information responsive to this request, please provide the Notice of Violation and/or relevant enforcement documents.

All information responsive to this request should be sent to the following:

Sarah Frey
Air Toxics Enforcement Section 6EN-AT
Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division
U.S. EPA - Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

Please be advised that some companies may qualify as a "small business" under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act (SBREFA). To help small business owners assess their small business status, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has established a Table of Small Business Size Standards, which can be found at: http://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/Size_Standards_Table.pdf. If Cornerstone qualifies as a small business, please review the SBREFA Information Sheet designed to provide information on compliance assistance to entities that may qualify as small businesses as well as to inform them of their right to comment to the SBREFA Ombudsman concerning EPA enforcement activities. The SBREFA Information Sheet can be found at:

<http://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyPDF.cgi/P100BYAV.PDF?Dockey=P100BYAV.PDF>.

Please be aware that SBREFA does not eliminate Cornerstone's responsibility to respond in a timely fashion to any complaint or information request that EPA may issue or other enforcement action that EPA may take, nor does SBREFA create any new rights or defenses under the law other than the right to comment to the SBREFA Ombudsman. If you are unable to access the links provided or need a hard copy, please contact Sarah Frey, listed above.

This request is not subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S. C. § 3501 *et seq.*, because it seeks collection of information from specific individuals or entities as part of an administrative action or investigation.

I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. If information or documents not known or not available to you as of the date of submission of a response to this Request should later become known or available to you, you must supplement your response to EPA. Moreover, should you find at any time after the submission of your response that any portion of the submitted information is false or misrepresents the truth, please notify EPA of this fact as soon as possible and provide EPA with a corrected response.

2. For each document produced in response to this Request, indicate on the document, or in some other reasonable manner, the number of the question to which it responds.
3. Please provide a separate response to each question and subpart of a question set forth in this Request and precede each answer with the number of the question to which it corresponds.
4. If available, please provide copies of documents in searchable electronic format (*e.g.*, pdf) rather than hard copies. If hard copies of documents are provided, please submit all information for each question in a logically sequenced, bound format.
5. Data should be provided in searchable and editable electronic format (*e.g.*, spreadsheet).
6. When a response is provided in the form of a number, please specify the units of measure.
7. Please submit confidential business information (CBI) and non-confidential information on separate media devices and identify as such. Please mark each page that is confidential business information as such. To make a CBI claim on hard copy documents, mark each page that is claimed, by cover sheet, stamp, or other suitable form of notice with language such as "trade secret," "proprietary," or "company confidential." Allegedly confidential portions of otherwise non-confidential documents should be clearly identified and submitted separately to facilitate identification and handling by EPA. The assertion and substantiation requirements for CBI claims are discussed in a subsequent section of this document.
8. Please indicate the assigned facility-wide federal air program (*e.g.*, AFS) and state (*e.g.*, Agency Interest, Regulated Entity) identification numbers for the subject facility.
9. For each media device (*e.g.*, compact disc, flash drive) containing electronic documents, please provide a table of contents so that each document can be accurately identified in relation to your response to a specific question. In addition, each media device should be labeled (*e.g.*, company name, Disc 1 of 4 for information request response, date of response).
10. Please identify documents consulted, examined, or referred to in the preparation of the response or that contain information responsive to a specific question, and provide a true and correct copy of each such document if not already provided in response to another specific question. Please indicate the number of the question to which the document corresponds.

11. If the Facility has no responsive information or documents for a particular question, please submit a statement certifying this, along with a detailed explanation. If a document is responsive to more than one question, please indicate, and only one copy of the document need be provided.
12. The enclosed Statement of Certifications (Enclosure B) must be filled out and signed by a responsible corporate official and submitted along with your responses to the Request.

II. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply to the following words as they appear in Enclosure A:

The term Cornerstone Chemical Company ("Cornerstone") includes any officer, director, agent, or employee of Cornerstone, including any merged, consolidated, or acquired predecessor or parent, subsidiary, division, or affiliate thereof.

The terms "person" or "persons" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 302(e) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7602(e), and includes an individual, corporation, partnership, association, State, municipality, political subdivision of a State, and any agency, department, or instrumentality of the United States and any officer, agent, or employee thereof.

The terms "you" or "yours", as used in each of the questions set forth in the attached Section 114 letter, refers to, and shall mean, the company or corporation with which each addressee of the attached Section 114 letter is affiliated, including its subsidiaries, division, affiliates, predecessors, successors, assigns, and its former and present officers, directors, agents, employees, representatives, attorneys, consultants, accountants, and all other persons acting on its behalf.

All terms used in the Information Request will have their ordinary meaning unless such terms are defined in the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*, the implementing regulations, or 40 C.F.R. Part 68.

Words in the masculine shall be construed in the feminine, and vice versa, and words in the singular shall be construed in the plural, and vice versa, where appropriate in the context of a particular question or questions.

The term "flare" means a combustion device lacking an enclosed combustion chamber that uses an uncontrolled volume of ambient air to burn gases. A flare may be partially enclosed (such as an enclosed flare) or equipped with a radiant heat shield (with or without a refractory lining), but is not equipped with a system to limit the volume of combustion air.

The term “vent gas” means all gas found just prior to the flare tip. Vent gas includes all waste gas, purge gas, sweep gas, and supplemental gases such as natural gas and hydrogen, but does not include pilot gas, assist steam, or assist air.

The term “waste gas” means the mixture of all gases from facility operations that is directed to a flare for the purpose of disposing of the gas. Waste gas does not include gas introduced to a flare exclusively to make it operate safely and as intended; therefore, waste gas does not include pilot gas, total assist steam, assist air, or the minimum amount of sweep gas and purge gas that is necessary to perform the functions of sweep gas and purge gas. Waste gas also does not include gas introduced to a flare to comply with regulatory requirements; therefore, it does not include supplemental gas.

The term “purge gas” means gas introduced between a flare header’s water seal and the flare tip to prevent oxygen infiltration (backflow) into the flare tip. For a flare with no water seal, the function of flare purge gas is performed by flare sweep gas and, therefore, by definition, such a flare has no flare purge gas.

The term “sweep gas” means, for a flare with a flare gas recovery system, the minimum amount of gas necessary to maintain a constant flow of gas through the flare header in order to prevent oxygen buildup in the flare header; flare sweep gas in these flares is introduced prior to and recovered by the flare gas recovery system. For a flare without a flare gas recovery system, flare sweep gas means the minimum amount of gas necessary to maintain a constant flow of gas through the flare header and out the flare tip in order to prevent oxygen buildup in the flare header and to prevent oxygen infiltration (backflow) into the flare tip.

The term “supplemental gas” means all gas introduced to the flare in order to improve the combustible characteristics of combustion zone gas.

The term “assist steam” means all steam that is intentionally introduced prior to or at a flare tip through nozzles or other hardware conveyance for the purposes including, but not limited to, protecting the design of the flare tip, promoting turbulence for mixing, or inducing air into the flame. Assist steam includes, but is not limited to, center steam, lower steam, and upper steam.

The term “assist air” means all air that intentionally is introduced prior to or at a flare tip through nozzles or other hardware conveyance for purposes including, but not limited to, protecting the design of the flare tip, promoting turbulence for mixing, or inducing air into the flame. Assist air does not include the surrounding ambient air.

The term “pressure relief device” means a safety device used to prevent operating pressures from exceeding the maximum allowable working pressure of the process equipment.

III. QUESTIONS

Within 45 days, Cornerstone shall submit the following information about its chemical facility located in Waggaman, Louisiana.

1. Please provide the following information for each of the following flares, (collectively, the "Facility Flares") at the Facility:

AN Flare Stack (GY-304, 3-71); AN Tank Farm Flare (51-92); Melamine Flare (FS-1, 1-72); Melamine Central Flare (VH-3, 1-75); Flare Stack - NH₃ Storage Tank 25KII (1-71); ST-1 Flare (VS-4, 14-92):
 - a. Date of installation;
 - b. Manufacturer and model number;
 - c. Purpose (*e.g.*, emergency only, routine, intermittent process waste gas);
 - d. General design type (*e.g.*, ground or elevated, multi-tip or single tip, assisted or non-assisted; if assisted, indicate whether flare is steam, air, or pressure assisted);
 - e. Minimum assist steam (in lb/hr) or assist air (in scf/hr) rate at all locations on each flare, and means of control of steam or air (*e.g.*, valve, bypass orifice); and
 - f. Please describe how the amount of waste gas, purge gas, sweep gas, supplemental gas, assist steam, and assist air is measured or monitored.

2. For periods when waste gas is sent to the Facility Flares, please provide the following information for each flare in searchable and editable electronic format (*e.g.*, spreadsheet):
 - a. The hourly average net heating value, in British Thermal Units per standard cubic foot (BTU/scf), of the vent gas for the period beginning 3 years prior to the date of receipt of this request.
 - b. The hourly average concentration of each constituent of the vent gas for the period beginning 3 years prior to the date of receipt of this request.
 - c. The hourly average mass flow rate, in lb./hr., of the vent gas for the period beginning 3 years prior to the date of receipt of this request.
 - d. The hourly average rate at which assist steam and/or assist air was added to the flare, in lb./hr. for steam, or scf/hr for air, at all locations on each

flare (i.e. the sum of seal, upper, lower, winterizing, etc.) for the period beginning 3 years prior to the date of receipt of this request.

If the hourly averages for any or all of the subsections above are measured, but data is not available, provide an explanation for each time period missing hourly data (e.g., flare not in service, instrumentation malfunction, etc.).

If the requested data is not measured or otherwise monitored, use the best means available to calculate/estimate the hourly averages. Provide a narrative explanation and example calculations describing how you arrived at your response. Such methods of calculation/estimation include, but are not limited to, the use of calculations from an online, intermittent, or continuous gas chromatograph (whether at the flare or upstream of the flare), estimating flow from pressure measurements or from valve position data, periodic samples/analysis of gas flowing to the flare, and/or process knowledge.

If the requested data was not measured or cannot be calculated or estimated (e.g., lack of equipment, equipment malfunction, and/or maintenance at a flare), provide an explanation of why no data is available and why the data cannot be calculated or estimated.

3. For each Facility Flare, provide the hourly average Steam-to-Vent Gas Ratio (lb Steam/lb Vent Gas) for the period beginning 3 years prior to the date of receipt of this request. If the rate at which steam added is not measured, use the best means available to estimate it. Provide a narrative explanation, including considerations for seasonal variations and minimum flow, with example calculations describing how you arrived at your response. All steam (including minimum or bypass steam) should be included in ratio calculation.
4. For each Facility Flare, describe how the pilot flame is monitored and how the monitoring data is recorded. Provide the monitoring data for the flare pilot flame for the period beginning 3 years prior to the date of receipt of this request.
5. For each Facility Flare, provide copies of documents in your possession, custody, or control pertaining to operating procedures, monitoring procedures, and flare performance testing.
6. For each Facility Flare, provide copies of current permits issued under federal or state regulations where the flare is listed or flare operation is authorized.
7. For each Facility Flare, state whether the flare is configured to receive gases/vapors from one or more pressure relief device(s), which is a safety device used to prevent pressures from exceeding the maximum allowable working pressure of the process equipment.

**CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION (CBI)
CLAIM ASSERTION & SUBSTANTIATION REQUIREMENTS**

Assertion - You may assert a business confidentiality claim covering all or part of the information requested in response to this Request, as provided in 40 C.F.R. § 2.203(b). You may assert a business confidentiality claim covering such information by placing on (or attaching to) the information you desire to assert a confidentiality claim, at the time it is submitted to EPA, a cover sheet, stamped, or typed legend (or other suitable form of notice) employing language such as "trade secret," "proprietary," or "company confidential." Allegedly confidential portions of otherwise non-confidential documents should be clearly identified, and submitted separately to facilitate identification and handling by EPA. If confidential treatment is desired up until a certain date or until the occurrence of a certain event, the notice should state this. Information covered by such a claim will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent, and by means of the procedures, set forth in Section 114(c) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and 40 C.F.R. Part 2.

EPA will construe the failure to furnish a CBI claim with your response to this Request as a waiver of that claim, and the information may be made available to the public without further notice to you. You should read 40 C.F.R. Part 2 carefully before asserting a confidentiality claim, since certain categories of information are not properly the subject of a claim. Emission data is exempt from claims of confidentiality under Section 114 of the CAA. Any emissions data you provide may be made available to the public. Information subject to a confidentiality claim is available to the public only to the extent allowed under 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B.

Substantiation - All confidentiality claims are subject to EPA verification in accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. The criteria for determining whether material claimed as confidential is entitled to such treatment are set forth at 40 C.F.R. §§ 2.208 and 2.301, which provide, in part, that you must satisfactorily show that you have taken reasonable measures to protect the confidentiality of the information and you intend to continue to do so; the information is not and has not been reasonably obtainable by legitimate means without your consent; and the disclosure of the information is likely to cause substantial harm to your business's competitive edge.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B, EPA may at any time send you a letter (separate from this Request) asking you to substantiate your CBI claim. If you receive such a letter, you must provide EPA with a response within the time frame set forth in the letter. Failure to submit a response within that time would be regarded as a waiver of your claim, and EPA may release the information. If you receive such a letter, EPA will ask you to specify which portions of the information you consider CBI. You must be specific by page, paragraph, and sentence when identifying the information subject to your claim. Any information not specifically identified as subject to a CBI claim may be disclosed without further notice to you. If you receive such a letter, for each item or class of information that you identify as being subject, you must answer the questions below, giving as much detail as possible, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 2.204(e):

1. What specific portions of the information do you allege to be entitled to confidential treatment? For what period of time do you request that the information be maintained as confidential, (e.g., until a certain date, until the occurrence of a specified event, or permanently)? If the occurrence of an event will eliminate the need for confidentiality, please specify the event.
2. Information submitted to EPA becomes stale over time. Why should the information you claim as confidential be protected for the time period specified in your answer to question #1?
3. What measures have you taken to protect the information claimed as confidential? Have you disclosed the information to anyone other than a governmental body or someone who is bound by agreement not to disclose it? If so, why should the information be considered CBI?
4. Is the information contained in any publicly available material such as the Internet, publicly available databases, promotional publications, annual reports, or articles? Is there any means by which a member of the public could obtain access to the information? Is the information of a kind that you would customarily not release to the public?
5. Has any governmental body made a determination as to the confidentiality of the information? If so, please attach a copy of the determination.
6. For each category of information claimed as confidential, explain with specificity why release of the information is likely to cause substantial harm to your competitive position. Explain the specific nature of those harmful effects, why they should be viewed as substantial, and the causal relationship between disclosure and such harmful effects. How could your competitors make use of this information to your detriment?
7. Do you assert that the information is submitted on a voluntary or a mandatory basis? Please explain the reason for your assertion. If you assert that the information is voluntarily submitted information, explain whether and why disclosure of the information would tend to lessen the availability to EPA of similar information in the future.
8. Any other issue you deem relevant.

Please note emission data is not entitled to confidential treatment under 40 C.F.R. § 2.301(a)(2)(i)(A), (B) and (C). "Emission data" means, with reference to any source of emission of any substance into the air: (A) Information necessary to determine the identity, amount, frequency, concentration, or other characteristics (to the extent related to air quality) of any emission which has been emitted by the source (or of any pollutant resulting from any emission by source), or any combination of the foregoing; (B) Information necessary to determine the identity, amount, frequency, concentration, or other characteristics (to the extent related to air quality) of the emissions which, under an

applicable standard or limitation, the source was authorized to emit (including, to the extent necessary for such purposes, a description of the manner and rate of source operation); and (C) A general description of location and nature of source to extent necessary to identify and distinguish from other sources (including, as necessary for such purposes, a description of the device, installation, or operation constituting the source).

If you receive a substantiation request letter from EPA, you bear the burden of substantiating your CBI claim. Conclusory allegations will be given little or no weight in the determination. If you fail to make a CBI claim with the response to this Request, the information may be released without further notice to you. Failure to give a timely response to a separate substantiation request letter is regarded as a waiver of any CBI claim, and EPA may release the information.

ENCLOSURE B

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

Cornerstone Chemical Company, Waggaman, LA

*I certify that I am authorized to respond to this information request on behalf of
Cornerstone Chemical Company and I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing
is true and correct. Executed on _____, 2018.*

(Signature)

(Name)

(Title)



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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6 JUN 2016

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED: 7001 0360 0001 1267 0419

Mr. Shawn Ward
Safety, Health and Environmental Manager
Cornerstone Chemical Company
10800 River Road
Waggaman, LA 70094

Re: Cornerstone Chemical Company Docket No. CAA-06-2016-3389

Dear Mr. Ward:

Enclosed is a fully executed Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) in the matter referenced above for execution by Cornerstone Chemical Company.

As provided in the AOC, Cornerstone Chemical Company shall comply with the general duties to identify hazards, design and maintain a safe facility, and mitigate releases that do occur as identified in paragraph 27 of the AOC.

If you have any questions regarding this AOC, please contact Jeffrey Clay, Assistant Regional Counsel, at (214) 665-7297.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Blevins".

John Blevins
Director
Compliance Assurance and
Enforcement Division

Enclosure

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 6**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
)	
Cornerstone Chemical Company)	ADMINISTRATIVE
Waggaman, Louisiana)	COMPLIANCE ORDER
)	
Respondent)	
)	
Proceeding under Section)	Docket CAA-06-2016-3389
113 of the Clean Air Act)	

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The following Findings are made and an Administrative Compliance Order ("Order") issued pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) of the Clean Air Act ("CAA"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3), for Respondent's failure to comply with Section 112(r)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(1), with regard to an anhydrous ammonia release at Cornerstone Chemical Company's Utilities Plant, located in Waggaman, Louisiana. The parties to this Order are the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 ("EPA" or "EPA Region 6") and Cornerstone Chemical Company ("Respondent").

2. This Order is entered into upon mutual agreement by the parties. Accordingly, Respondent consents to and agrees not to contest EPA's jurisdiction to issue this Order or enforce its terms. Further, Respondent will not contest EPA's jurisdiction to: compel compliance with this Order in any subsequent enforcement proceedings, either administrative or judicial; require Respondent's full compliance with the terms of this Order; or impose sanctions for violations of this Order. Respondent consents to the terms of this Order.

3. This Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent, its agents, successors and assigns and upon all persons, contractors, and consultants acting under or for Respondent. No change in ownership or corporate or partnership status of Respondent will in any way alter the status of Respondent or its responsibilities under this Order.

II. STATUTORY AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY

4. Pursuant to Section 112(r)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(1), owners and operators of stationary sources producing, processing, handling, or storing substances listed pursuant to Section 112(r)(3) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(3), or any other extremely hazardous substance, have a general duty to (a) identify hazards which may result from accidental releases of such substances using appropriate hazard assessment techniques; (b) design and maintain a safe facility taking such steps as are necessary to prevent releases; and (c) minimize the consequences of accidental releases that do occur. This section of the CAA is referred to as the "General Duty Clause."

5. The extremely hazardous substances identified pursuant to Section 112(r)(3) include specifically listed substances ("Regulated Substances") or "other extremely hazardous substances."

6. Section 113(a)(3) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3), authorizes EPA to issue compliance orders for violations of the CAA, including violations of Section 112(r), 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r). A copy of the order must be sent to the relevant State air pollution control agency. An order relating to a violation of Section 112 of the CAA can take effect immediately upon issuance.

7. The authority to issue orders pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) of the CAA has been delegated to EPA Region 6's Regional Administrator, and in turn to the Director of EPA Region 6's Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division.

III. FINDINGS

8. Respondent is a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana.

9. Respondent owns a Utilities Plant that maintains the support of steam, refrigeration, compressed air, cooling and process water, wastewater treatment, electricity, and natural gas for Cornerstone Chemical Company's Fortier Manufacturing Complex located at 10800 River Road in Waggaman, Louisiana. ("Facility").

10. The Respondent owns and operates the Facility, which includes a Utilities Plant. The Utilities Plant includes methanol storage and ammonia storage tank operations and distribution systems.

11. Respondent produces, processes, stores, or handles up to a maximum of 51,180,000 pounds of ammonia (anhydrous) at the Facility. Ammonia (anhydrous) is identified at 40 C.F.R. Part 68.130 as a toxic regulated substance with a threshold quantity of 10,000 pounds.

12. On Tuesday, June 16, 2015, the Utilities Plant experienced a high level alarm for the ammonia vapor return line at its ammonia field trap.

13. Utilities Operations staff began responding to the high level alarm by transferring an oil and ammonia mixture from the field trap into totes.

14. The scrubber system was also employed to capture ammonia vapors from the totes.

15. Respondent reported the release of 387 pounds of anhydrous ammonia from the Utilities Plant to the surrounding ambient air.
16. Respondent identified after the incident that excess ammonia liquid accumulated in the field trap, in part, because of limited pump capacity for the ammonia field trap. The associated pump was undersized for the unanticipated upset condition that occurred.
17. Pursuant to section 112(r)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(1), an owner/operator of a stationary source producing, processing, handling or storing substances listed pursuant to section 112(r)(3) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(3), or any other extremely hazardous substance, has a general duty to: (1) identify hazards which may result from accidental releases of such substances using appropriate hazard assessment techniques; (2) design and maintain a safe facility, taking such steps as are necessary to prevent releases; and (3) minimize the consequences of accidental releases that do occur.
18. Respondent is a "person" as that term is defined by section 302(e) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7602(e).
19. The Facility is a "stationary source" as that term is defined by section 112(r)(2)(C) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(2)(C).
20. Respondent is the "owner or operator" of the Utilities Plant, a stationary source.
21. At the Facility, Respondent produces, processes, handles, or stores substances listed in, or pursuant to, CAA § 112(r)(3) or other extremely hazardous

substances identified as such due to toxicity, reactivity, flammability, volatility, or corrosivity.

22. The release of anhydrous ammonia at the Facility on June 16, 2015, constituted an "accidental release" as that term is defined by section 112(r)(2)(A) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(2)(A).

23. Respondent potentially failed to design and maintain the ammonia field trap system and did not take such necessary steps to prevent an accidental release by having an inadequate pump associated with the ammonia field trap at the Utilities Plant contributing, in part, to the release of anhydrous ammonia on June 16, 2015.

24. Respondent's failure constitutes a violation of the general duty clause in section 112(r)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(1).

25. Respondent is therefore subject to the assessment of penalties pursuant to sections 113(a)(3) and 113(d)(1)(B) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7413(a)(3) and 7413(d)(1)(B), for at least one day of violation of the general duty clause of section 112(r)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(1).

IV. ORDER ON CONSENT

26. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3), it is hereby ordered that Respondent, which has consented to the terms of this Order, shall comply with the general duties to identify hazards, design and maintain a safe facility, and mitigate releases that do occur as follows:

- a. Identify and engage a third-party professional experienced in health and safety issues to perform a hazard analysis on the anhydrous ammonia refrigeration

system within the Utilities Unit as associated with this incident at the Respondent's Facility. The third-party professional shall be familiar with health and safety issues related to or of a similar nature to the ammonia refrigeration system and shall prepare a written report analyzing the anhydrous ammonia refrigeration system, work practices, safety, and emission prevention and response practices at the Facility. The report shall include applicable industry standards associated with anhydrous ammonia systems, the manner in which other parties have implemented practices to satisfy those standards, including a detailed discussion of preventing and responding to releases of ammonia. The report shall identify changes to improve the safe operation of Respondent's ammonia operations. The requirements of this paragraph shall be completed and the Report submitted to Respondent within 180 days of the effective date of this Administrative Order.

- b. The Respondent will provide a copy of the third-party professional's report and recommendations to EPA within 14 days after the Respondent receives the report.
- c. The Respondent will provide to EPA, within 30 days after Respondent receives the third-party professional's report, a plan that shows how practices recommended by the third-party professional will be implemented by the Respondent.
- d. EPA acknowledges that Respondent may have already instituted some of these requirements recommended by the third-party professional.

- e. All work and certifications required under this Order must be completed within one year of the effective date of this Order.

27. Notifications:

- a. Submissions required by this Order shall be in writing and shall be mailed to the following addresses with a copy also sent by electronic mail:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 6 (Mail Code: 6EN-AS)
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733
Attention: Tony Robledo
robledo.tony@epa.gov

- b. EPA will send all written communications to the following representative(s) for Respondent:

Mr. Shawn Ward
Safety, Health and Environmental Manager
Cornerstone Chemical Company
10800 River Road
Waggaman, LA 70094

28. All documents submitted to EPA in the course of implementing this Order shall be available to the public unless identified as confidential by Respondent pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B and determined by EPA to merit treatment as confidential business information ("CBI") in accordance with applicable law.

V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

29. The provisions of this Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent, its officers, directors, agents, and employees.
30. The provisions of this Order shall be transferrable to any other party, upon sale or other disposition of the facility. Upon such action, the provisions of this Order

shall then apply to and be binding upon any new owner/operator, its officers, directors, agents, employees, and any successor(s) in interest.

31. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to affect EPA's authority under Section 114 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7414.

32. Nothing contained in this Order shall affect the responsibility of Respondent to comply with all other applicable Federal, State, or local laws or regulations, including Section 303 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7603.

33. Any and all information required to be maintained or submitted pursuant to this Order is not subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501 et seq., because it seeks to collect information from specific individuals or entities to assure compliance with this administrative action.

34. This Order is not intended to be nor shall it be construed to be a permit. Further, the parties acknowledge and agree that EPA's approval of this Order does not constitute a warranty or representation that requirements provided hereunder will meet the requirements of the General Duty Clause. Compliance by Respondent with the terms of this Order shall not relieve Respondent of their obligations to comply with the CAA or any other applicable local, State, or federal laws and regulations.

35. EPA reserves all of its statutory and regulatory powers, authorities, rights, and remedies, both legal and equitable, which may pertain to Respondent's failure to comply with any of the requirements of this Order. This Order shall not be construed as a covenant not to sue, release, waiver, or limitation of any rights, remedies, powers, and/or authorities, civil or criminal, which EPA has under any other statutory, regulatory, or common law authority of the United States.

36. This Order does not resolve any civil or criminal claims of the United States for the violations alleged in this Order; nor does it limit the rights of the United States to obtain penalties or injunctive relief under the CAA or other applicable federal law or regulation.

37. Respondent does not admit any of the factual or legal determinations made by the EPA and waives its right to contest EPA's jurisdiction to issue or enforce this Order and its right to contest the terms of this Order. Respondent has entered into this Order in good faith without trial or adjudication of any issue of fact or law. Respondent consents to the terms of this Administrative Order on Consent.

38. Respondent waives any right to judicial review of this Administrative Order.

39. The parties shall bear their own costs and fees in this action, including attorney's fees.

VI. FAILURE TO COMPLY

40. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judicial action for appropriate injunctive relief, including civil penalties pursuant to Section 113(b) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(b) or, in appropriate cases, criminal penalties.

VII. ENFORCEMENT

41. This Order does not in any way impair EPA's rights to appropriately enforce the CAA.


42. Be advised that issuance of this Order does not preclude EPA from electing to pursue any other remedies or sanctions authorized by law.

VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

43. This Order shall become effective upon the date of signature by EPA.

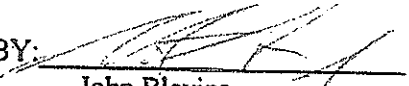
IT IS SO AGREED:

DATE: June 6, 2016

BY: 
Cornerstone Chemical Company

IT IS SO ORDERED:

DATE: 6 JUN 2016

BY: 
John Blevins
Director, Compliance Assurance and
Enforcement Division
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 6



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6
1201 ELM STREET, SUITE 500
DALLAS, TEXAS 75270-2102

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Kyle B. Beall
Attorney At Law
628 North Boulevard
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: *In the Matter of Cornerstone Chemical Company* Docket No. CAA-06-2019-3312

Dear Mr. Beall:

Enclosed is a fully executed Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) in the matter referenced above for Cornerstone Chemical Company.

If you have any questions regarding this AOC, please contact Jeffery Clay by phone at (214) 665-7297 or by email at clay.jeffery@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cheryl T. Seager", followed by a long horizontal line.

Cheryl T. Seager
Director
Enforcement and Compliance
Assurance Division
U.S. EPA Region 6

Enclosure

Ecc: Michelle McCarthy, Manager
Air Enforcement Section
Enforcement Division
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 4312
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4312
michelle.mccarthy@la.gov

UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 6
DALLAS, TEXAS

In the Matter of:

Cornerstone Chemical Company,

Waggaman, Louisiana

Respondent

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE ORDER

EPA Docket No. CAA 06-2019-3312

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE ORDER

The Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 ("EPA" or "EPA Region 6") and Cornerstone Chemical Company ("Respondent"), in the above-referenced proceeding, hereby enter into this Administrative Compliance Order ("AOC" or "Order").

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The following Findings are made and an Order issued pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) of the Clean Air Act ("CAA" or the "Act"), 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3), for Respondent's failure to comply with Section 112(r)(7) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7), with regard to an accidental release that occurred at the Cornerstone Chemical Company ("Cornerstone" or the "Facility") plant located at 10800 River Road, Waggaman, Louisiana 70094. The parties to this Order are the EPA Region 6 and the Respondent.

2. This Order is entered into upon mutual agreement by the parties. Accordingly, Respondent consents to and agrees not to contest EPA's jurisdiction to issue this Order or enforce its terms. Further, Respondent will not contest EPA's jurisdiction to compel compliance with this Order in any subsequent enforcement proceedings, whether administrative or judicial,

or to require Respondent's full compliance with the terms of this Order or impose sanctions for violations of this Order. Respondent consents to the terms of this Order. Respondent reserves the right to judicial and administrative review of any issue of law or fact, whether set forth in this Order or not, in any subsequent penalty proceeding or assessment to address the underlying violations alleged in the Order, but not in an action to enforce the Order itself.

3. This Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent, its agents, successors and assigns and upon all persons, contractors, and consultants acting under or for Respondent. No change in ownership or corporate or partnership status of Respondent will in any way alter the status of Respondent or its responsibilities under this Order.

II. STATUTORY AND REGULATORY AUTHORITY

4. Section 112(r)(1) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(1), provides that the objective of the regulations and programs authorized under Section 112(r) shall be to prevent the accidental release of regulated substances or other extremely hazardous substances and to minimize the consequences of any such release that does occur.

5. Pursuant to CAA § 112(r)(7), 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7), the Administrator is authorized to promulgate regulations dictating release prevention, detection, and correction requirements.

6. On June 20, 1996, the EPA promulgated a final rule known as the Chemical Accident Prevention Provisions, 40 C.F.R. Part 68, which implements Section 112(r)(7), 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(7), of the Act.

7. Under 40 C.F.R. § 68.10(a), an owner or operator of a stationary source that has more than a threshold quantity of a regulated substance in a process ("Covered Process"), as determined under 40 C.F.R. § 68.115, shall comply with the requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 68 no later than the latest of the following dates: (1) June 21, 1999; (2) three years after the date on

which a regulated substance is first listed under Section 68.130; or (3) the date on which a regulated substance is first present above a threshold quantity in a process.

8. Under 40 C.F.R. § 68.12(a), an owner or operator of a stationary source subject to Part 68 requirements must submit a Risk Management Plan ("RMP") as provided in 40 C.F.R. Part 68 Subpart G (§§ 68.150-68.185) that reflects all covered processes at the stationary source.

9. 40 C.F.R. Part 68 provides general requirements applicable to owners or operators of a stationary source subject to Part 68. It also establishes requirements that apply to an owner or operator based on whether the stationary source operates processes subject to one of three "Programs" -- Program 1, Program 2, and Program 3.

10. Under 40 C.F.R. § 68.12(d), the owner or operator of a stationary source with a process subject to the "Program 3" requirements of the Part 68 regulations, as determined pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 68.10(d), must comply with the chemical accident prevention requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 68, Subpart D (Program 3 Prevention Program, at 40 C.F.R. §§ 68.65-68.87).

11. Section 113(a)(3) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3), authorizes EPA to issue compliance orders for violations of the Act, including violations of Section 112(r), 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r). A copy of the order must be sent to the relevant State air pollution control agency. An order relating to a violation of Section 112 of the CAA can take effect immediately upon issuance.

12. The authority to issue orders pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) of the CAA has been delegated to EPA Region 6's Regional Administrator, and in turn to the Director of EPA Region 6's Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division.

III. EPA REGION 6 FINDINGS

A. General Findings

13. Respondent is a corporation that is authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana.
14. Respondent is a "person" as that term is defined by section 302(e) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7602(e).
15. Respondent owns and operates a chemical plant located at 10800 River Road, Waggaman, Louisiana.
16. The Facility is a "stationary source" as that term is defined by section 112(r)(2)(C) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7412(r)(2)(C).
17. Respondent is the "owner or operator" of the facility.
18. At the Facility, Respondent primarily operates a chemical manufacturing plant producing a variety of end products from acrylonitrile, melamine, urea, and sulfuric acid.
19. At the Facility, Respondent uses regulated substances in covered processes at above threshold quantities, including acrylonitrile, propylene and a flammable mixture.
20. On January 18, 2018, the plant was restarting the Melamine Plant.
21. As part of the start-up, the Carbamate Concentration Section had to be re-started. During that start-up the P-107 Lean Carbamate Pump began cavitating.
22. Pressure in the unit increased and three valves were closed to protect the Melamine Ammonia Compressor.
23. Once the immediate issue was resolved the operator re-established the feed; however, the operator failed to re-open the P-107 valve.
24. This resulted in the C-1 Stripper Column filling with feedstock. Eventually this flow of feedstock overflowed the flare tip, extinguishing the flare, and allowed a release of 149 pounds

of ammonia to the air.

25. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Section 68.69 (a) Respondent failed to develop and implement written standard operating procedures (SOP) that provide clear instructions for safely conducting activities involved in each covered process consistent with the process safety information.

IV. ORDER

26. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 113(a)(3) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3), it is agreed that Respondent, which has consented to the terms of this Order, shall comply with the Part 68 requirements applicable at the Facility, including the SOP and training requirements, as follows:

27. Respondent is ordered to evaluate and modify, if needed, the Facility's SOPs applicable to the safe operation of covered processes at the Facility and review and modify training requirements applicable to operators at covered processes to ensure the SOPs and training are adequate. Respondent shall complete the requirements of this Order and certify compliance with the terms of this Order within 180 days of the effective date of this Order.

28. Notifications:

- a. Submissions required by this Order shall be in writing and shall be mailed to the following addresses with a copy also sent by electronic mail:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 6
Attn: Jake Medellin (ECDAC)
1201 Elm Street – Suite 500
Dallas, Texas 75270-2102
Medellin.Jake@epa.gov

- b. EPA will send all written communications to the following representative(s) for Respondent:

Kyle B. Beall
Attorney At Law
628 North Boulevard
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

29. All documents submitted to EPA in the course of implementing this Order shall be available to the public unless identified as confidential by Respondent pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B, and determined by EPA to merit treatment as confidential business information in accordance with applicable law.

V. GENERAL PROVISIONS

30. The provisions of this Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent, its officers, directors, agents, and employees.

31. Nothing in this Order shall be construed to affect EPA's authority under Section 114 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7414.

32. Nothing contained in this Order shall affect the responsibility of Respondent to comply with all applicable federal, state, or local laws or regulations, including Section 303 of the CAA, 42 U.S.C. § 7603.

33. Any and all information required to be maintained or submitted pursuant to this Order is not subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501 et seq., because it seeks to collect information from specific individuals or entities to assure compliance with this administrative action.

34. This Order is not intended to be nor shall it be construed to be a permit. Further, the parties acknowledge and agree that EPA's approval of this Order does not constitute a warranty or representation that requirements provided hereunder will meet the requirements of 40 C.F.R. part 68. Compliance by Respondent with the terms of this Order shall not relieve Respondent of their obligations to comply with the CAA or any other applicable local, state, or federal laws and

regulations.

35. EPA reserves all of its statutory and regulatory powers, authorities, rights, and remedies, both legal and equitable, which may pertain to Respondent's failure to comply with any of the requirements of this Order. This Order shall not be construed as a covenant not to sue, release, waiver, or limitation of any rights, remedies, powers, and/or authorities, civil or criminal, which EPA has under any statutory, regulatory, or common law authority of the United States.

36. This Order does not resolve any civil or criminal claims of the United States for the violations alleged in this Order; nor does it limit the rights of the United States to obtain penalties or injunctive relief under the CAA or other applicable federal law or regulations.

37. Respondent neither admits nor denies any of the factual or legal determinations made by the EPA in this Order. Respondent admits all jurisdictional allegations, and waives its right to contest EPA's jurisdiction to issue or enforce this Order. Respondent waives its right to contest the terms of this Order. Respondent has entered into this Order in good faith without trial or adjudication of any issue of fact or law. Respondent consents to the terms of this Order.

38. Respondent waives any right to judicial review of this Order.

39. The parties shall bear their own costs and fees in this action, including attorney's fees.

VI. FAILURE TO COMPLY

40. Failure to comply with this Order may result in enforcement action for appropriate injunctive relief and penalties pursuant to Section 113(b) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(b) or, in appropriate cases, criminal penalties.

VII. ENFORCEMENT

41. This Order does not in any way impair EPA's rights to enforce the CAA.

42. Be advised that issuance of this Order does not preclude EPA from electing to pursue any

other remedies or sanctions authorized by law in this or any other matter.

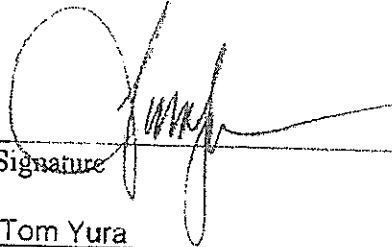
VIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

43. This Order shall become effective upon the date of signature by EPA.

For Cornerstone Chemical Company

IT IS SO AGREED:

6-24-19
Date


Signature

Tom Yura
Printed Name

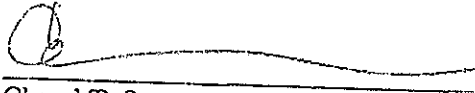
Chief Operating Officer
Title

3838 N. Causeway Blvd.
Metairie LA 70002
Address

For United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6:

IT IS SO ORDERED:

6-26-19
Date


Cheryl T. Seager
Director
Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division
U.S. EPA Region 6

#2-1

Eula Lopez

From: Laura Perez <laura@perezweb.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:06 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Cc: Laura Perez
Subject: cyanide plant

To The Jefferson Parish Council:

I respectfully plead with our representatives to vote NO to the request by Cornerstone to enlarge their hydrogen cyanide operations on the West Bank of Jefferson Parish! This profits the residents of Jefferson Parish in NO WAY! Your constituents, those who elected you and for whose good you work, DO NOT WANT this operation to be approved!!!! We need you to protect the health of our people and our environment, without which we can have NO QUALITY of life in Jefferson!!! My family has been calling Jefferson home since the 1930s and we have invested our fortunes, our time and talents, and the future of our 4 generations of people in the betterment of this lovely area!

If this is approved by the Jefferson Parish Council, we will then be assured that you are working in the best interests of corporate profits, not your constituents!!!

Sincerely,
Laura Perez
8725 Hermitage Place
River Ridge LA 70123

#3-1

Eula Lopez

From: Shirley <noxuses13@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 10:46 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Input for council meeting 5/15/2020

Ms Lopez,

I am writing to with my input as a citizen for the Jefferson Parish council meeting on May 12, 2020. I would like you to read my statement below into record.

Thank you,
Shirley L Sessum
812 Cameron Ct
Kenner, LA. 70065
504-232-4894

Firstly, I would like any and all discussion, or voting, on the new hydrogen cyanide plant at Cornerstone Chemical to be delayed until such time as the public is able to attend that council meeting. This will allow the public to actively participate instead of just submitting a statement for this serious, and concerning, expansion.

In the absence of that I would like to express my concerns about the addition of a fifth chemical plant at the Cornerstone Chemical Company complex in Westwego. As a resident of Kenner I often smell the leaks from Cornerstone. I know what acrylonitrile and sulfur dioxide smell like and those odors emanate from the Cornerstone facility frequently. These are leaks that go unreported. In fact, those like myself who live around Cornerstone know the plant has many unreported leaks. The addition of a plant for hydrogen cyanide production, and storage, is a frightening thing for those of us who live close to Cornerstone. Their past track record of not revealing leaks and accidents combined with large amounts of such a deadly substance as hydrogen cyanide in a residential area is not something anyone should accept. Even if they did report a leak there would be no time to evacuate with such a deadly poison as hydrogen cyanide. Large amounts of hydrogen cyanide should never be manufactured, or stored, in a residential area such as Cornerstone Chemical Company wants to especially in a hurricane zone and under the flight path of many flights from our local airport. I am against any expansion of the Cornerstone Chemical Company complex in Westwego. As a tax payer I am willing to pay any cost to prevent Cornerstone Chemical Company from expansion, especially the addition of a hydrogen cyanide plant.

The Jefferson Parish Council does not have my permission to grant Cornerstone Chemical Company in Westwego a permit to expand its facility in anyway, or to allow the building of a plant for the production of hydrogen cyanide, or the storage of hydrogen cyanide.

Shirley L. Sessum

#4-1

Eula Lopez

From: Zoghbi, Michael <Michael.Zoghbi@cornerstonechemco.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Cc: MarionEdwards; DeanoBonano; ByronLee; Dominick Impastato; Jennifer Van Vrancken; RickyTemplet; ScottWalker; FOUCorpAffairs
Subject: May 13 Council Meeting – Support for Cornerstone Chemical Company

May 13, 2020

RE: May 13 Council Meeting – Support for Cornerstone Chemical Company

Dear Jefferson Parish Councilmembers,

We write today in support of Cornerstone Chemical Company, and we sincerely appreciate the Council taking time to consider the amendment to Cornerstone’s SPU in light of everything you are working on to keep us safe from the COVID-19 virus. As residents of Jefferson Parish, your constituents and employees of Cornerstone, we are asking you to please support the ordinance that approves Cornerstone’s permit to modernize its HCN facilities.

As employees of Cornerstone, we work to create, support and sustain a safe working environment for our coworkers, our community and ourselves. We know first hand that Cornerstone has safely produced, handled and managed HCN at the Waggaman site for years both as a stand-alone plant and as a co-product of acrylonitrile. Cornerstone is also a community partner in Waggaman and works to keep in contact with its neighbors. Whether it is supporting United Way of Southeast Louisiana, our local civic association, our Waggaman community or our 10 adopted Jefferson Parish public schools, we work to make a strong positive impact in our community.

Recently, we have seen how Louisiana's chemical industry has played a vital role in the fight against COVID-19, and we at Cornerstone have been doing our part to produce products that keep the world safe. For example, Cornerstone produces the HCN and sulfuric acid needed to make the protective barriers, referred to as social distancing shields, sneeze guards, or protective panels, that are being installed in grocery stores and other transactional spaces to help keep staff, customers and visitors safe and socially distant.

The proposed work at the Cornerstone site will be beneficial to Louisiana and the local economy. We live in this community, and we are proud of the work our co-workers and we do. Passage of the ordinance will help us continue to create good jobs in our community, modernize our work facilities and run an even safer plant.

Sincerely,
Cornerstone employees who live and work in Jefferson Parish

Constituents of District 1

1. John Washington, Gretna, LA 70056
2. Leo Pollard, Gretna, LA 70056
3. Michele Arceneaux, Marrero, LA 70072
4. Stephen G. Bull, Terrytown, LA 70056
5. Thomas Claverie, Lafitte, LA 70063

6. Wayne Carbo, Barataria, LA 70036

Constituents of District 2

- 7. Charlotte Duhe, Bridge City, LA 70094
- 8. David Lucio, River Ridge, LA 70123
- 9. Michele Condon, Harahan, LA 70123
- 10. Paul Savoy, Metairie, LA 70003
- 11. Richard Wade, River Ridge, LA 70123
- 12. Thomas Breaud, Gretna, LA 70053
- 13. Wayne Terrio, Harahan, LA 70123

Constituents of District 3

- 14. James Allen, Waggaman, LA 70094
- 15. Michael Zoghbi, Westwego, LA 70094
- 16. Shondrelyn Perrilloux, Harvey, LA 70058

Constituents of District 4

- 17. Andreas Hatch, Kenner, LA, 70065
- 18. Anthony F. Fregosi, Kenner, LA 70065
- 19. Bryant S. Woods, Kenner, LA 70065
- 20. Erin McCarthy, Metairie, LA 70003
- 21. Greg Ritter, Kenner, LA 70065
- 22. Randall Carstater, Metairie, LA 70003
- 23. Syed Ali, Kenner, LA 70065

Constituents of District 5

- 24. Annette Savoy, Metairie, LA 70001-3440
- 25. JoLena Broussard, Metairie, LA 70001
- 26. Kent Finger, Metairie, LA 70005
- 27. Lesley Mitchell, Metairie, LA 70001
- 28. Maria A. Gomez, Metairie, LA 70001
- 29. Raymond Smith, Metairie, LA 70006

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Cornerstone Chemical Company

Eula Lopez

at 5-1

From: Jenny Zimmer <jennypzimmer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 9:15 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Agenda items 13 & 54

Good Morning-

I am here to oppose the hydrogen cyanide plant and storage at Cornerstone and the settlement authorization for the lawsuit filed by Cornerstone. Deano, I ask you to take the lead on this and represent the citizens. We have discussed my opposition to the cyanide plant and storage tanks at Cornerstone on numerous occasions and you said you would oppose any new chemical plants in Jefferson Parish. This falls under your 5 point plan where you stated would work with your colleagues on the council to propose legislation that would prohibit the future permitting of any new chemical production facility in Jefferson Parish. You stated that there is simply no safe place to place any new chemical production facilities in our neighborhoods. Please keep our neighborhoods safe. My family does not want this and I hope you, the council, will represent your constituents and move along with defending the lawsuit that Cornerstone has filed against the parish.

Thank you-

Jenny Zimmer

Eula Lopez

#6-1

From: Michael Boudreaux <isomike62@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:49 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Cc: S1 CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF WEST JEFFERSON
Subject: Cornerstone HCN Unit SPU
Attachments: Cornerstone HCN Unit.pdf

Please see attached letter to the council regarding Cornerstone Chemical's SPU for a Hydrogen Cyanide Unit.

Mike Boudreaux, Jr
108 Willswood Lane
Waggaman, LA 70094

May 12, 2020

Jefferson Parish Council

Re: Cornerstone Chemical SPU Ordinance

Dear Council Members,

I'm writing in support of Cornerstone Chemical Plant's SPU for a Hydrogen Cyanide (HCN) unit. My wife and I have lived in Waggaman for the last 34 years and have raised two children here. Our oldest daughter and her husband live with our two small grandchildren within two miles of Cornerstone. I have no major concerns with this unit being built.

I have worked in the Petrochemical and refining industry for over 30 years and have seen vast improvements in process operating technology, safety systems applications and the HAZOP review process. Cornerstone's SPU request is a direct result of an improved operating process. Cornerstone is in the process of upgrading its Acrylonitrile process, and in order to meet contractual requirements, Cornerstone has chosen to build a small HCN producing unit instead of bringing in HCN by truck and railcar, which poses a much greater danger to the community.

Cornerstone's decision to build an HCN unit is by far the safest way to meet their HCN contractual requirements. Any leak or release will immediately be identified, contained and mitigated on their site. If they were to be denied this SPU ordinance, Cornerstone's alternative will be to have HCN brought in by truck and railcar. If a railcar were to develop a leak while sitting in a railyard or in an isolated section of track, the leak may go undetected for quite some time and will pose great danger to the Waggaman community as well as other communities the railcars traverse. If a truck carrying HCN were to be in an accident the potential for an HCN release in a populated area is great.

I urge the council to approve Cornerstone's HCN SPU. Having HCN processed and confined within Cornerstone property is by far the safest alternative.

Respectfully,

Mike Boudreaux, Jr.
108 Willswood Ln.

Eula Lopez

From: Lisa Karlin <lkarlin@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:41 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Fw: Public comment for May 13 Council meeting

Would you please confirm receipt of this email sent on May 7th?

Thank you,
Lisa Karlin

From: Lisa Karlin
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:47 AM
To: Eula Lopez <ELopez@jeffparish.net>
Subject: Public comment for May 13 Council meeting

My name is Lisa Karlin and I'm submitting a public comment for agenda items 13 and 54.

Cornerstone Chemical announced the licensing of cyanide plant technology from Chemours on December 15, 2017. On January 31, 2018, the previous Council approved a special permitted use, or SPU, for the construction of a cyanide plant, two 26,000 gallon cyanide storage tanks, one sulfuric acid tank, six new alky acid tanks, one urea tank and one water tank. The only things that the Council voted to revoke, with cause, on April 3, 2019 were new construction of a cyanide plant and two cyanide storage tanks. All of the other safety improvements and upgrades had been allowed to proceed.

When the Council revoked the SPU, Cornerstone still did not have an LDEQ air permit, required before construction of a cyanide plant could begin. Cornerstone is now claiming they spent millions based on the previous Council's SPU approval decision, and the decision to revoke the SPU is arbitrary and capricious. The timeline shows that Cornerstone purchased the cyanide plant technology six weeks before the initial Council's decision and 15 months before LDEQ's decision on their air permit application. Cornerstone put the cart before the horse and there is no basis for their claim of damages.

Citizens and attorneys in the community reviewed the materials that Cornerstone submitted to the parish with their SPU application. Cornerstone submitted incomplete and inaccurate information, and evidence of this was submitted to the Council in emails last spring before the SPU was revoked, and further provided in person during community and Council meetings. In fact, attorney Charles Zimmer stood before the previous Council and stated, "You weren't given the right info. The material they gave you had no environmental impact studies. No economic impact study. In the info you looked at, did they ever tell you they never comply with LDEQ permits as it is? If you were at the hearing [LDEQ public hearing held on February 12th], you would have heard hours of this. Did you know they exceeded releases by 200% of hydrogen cyanide? The material you received was in error and your approval was made in error." This public statement was made during the February 27, 2019 Council meeting and can be viewed on the archived Council meeting video around minute 34.

Newly elected Council members, as well as those who were re-elected, recently have received multiple emails containing documentation that the Council's 2018 decision was not arbitrary, and was made with indisputable cause.

For anyone who thinks the settlement terms are reasonable, I want to point something out. Item 5 states that the cyanide storage tanks, which Cornerstone is now calling process vessels, will be "less than the 10,000 gallon trigger for storage of hazardous materials in bulk which requires approval from the Council. As such, the two 4,500 gallon process vessels do not require Council approval." However, let no one forget that construction of a cyanide plant requires Council approval. Let me say that again. Construction of a cyanide plant requires Council approval.

The cyanide plant will produce 50 million pounds of cyanide per year. That's almost 137,000 pounds of cyanide each and every day. That's a mind-boggling amount, considering how two workers were injured when there was a spill of just 100 pounds of cyanide.

No amount of cyanide is safe to produce and store in the middle of four existing chemical plants.

Council members, you were elected to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people in Jefferson Parish. Building a cyanide plant and storing cyanide—no matter the amount—so close to our homes, schools, and workplaces is not in our best interest.

This is your decision to make. Not the parish attorney's. The majority of you are attorneys and I sincerely hope that you have looked at the overwhelming evidence that Cornerstone has no claim for damages and that the 2018 Council decision was not arbitrary and capricious. The decision to revoke the SPU for construction of a cyanide plant and cyanide storage tanks was made with cause, and must be defended.

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Eula Lopez

From: Brenda Sumrow <sumrowbw@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:38 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cornerstone

Ms. Lopez,

Please do not issue the requested permit to Cornerstone. There's already enough pollution in this area, don't endanger the local residents by adding more, and risking our lives if there's a leak.

Thank you,
Brenda Sumrow
River Ridge

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Eula Lopez

#9-1

From: Anthony Fregosi <affgator@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:27 AM
To: Dominick Impastato
Cc: Eula Lopez
Subject: May 13 Council Meeting – Support for Cornerstone Chemical Company

Dear Councilman Dominick Impastato,

I write today in support of Cornerstone Chemical Company, and I sincerely appreciate you taking time to read my email. As one of your constituents and an employee of Cornerstone, I request that you please support the ordinance that approves Cornerstone's permit to modernize its HCN facilities. Consideration of the ordinance is expected to be on the agenda at the council's next meeting on May 13.

I have lived in Kenner and worked as a chemical engineer at our facility for the last 28 years. As such, I hold the safety of our employees and neighbors and the site's environmental performance as a prime responsibility of my performance.

Over my tenure at our facility, I have witnessed many changes in the organization, but throughout the years, our focus on being a good corporate citizen and supporting our community has never changed.

The proposed work at the Cornerstone site will be beneficial to Louisiana and the local economy. I live in this community, and I am proud of the work my co-workers and I do. Your vote in support of Cornerstone will help us continue to create good jobs in our community, modernize our work facilities and run an even safer plant. I appreciate the opportunity to record my support for Cornerstone.

Sincerely,
Anthony F. Fregosi, FAIChE
8 Rhine Drive, Kenner, LA 70065

Eula Lopez

#10-1

From: Susan Hargrove <suehargr@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 6:07 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Cc: Susan Hargrove
Subject: Cornerstone cyanide plant

This should not be allowed to happen. Very toxic cyanide in these large quantities is truly a disaster waiting to happen. At the end of the runway no less. Gases are always allowed out of containment plant for different reasons. More air pollution for residents of Jefferson Parish and only a handful of jobs created and they get tax credits too. Please do not let expansion get built

Thank you,
Susan Hargrove
River Ridge

Sent from my iPhone

#1 - 2

Eula Lopez

From: Blake Bourgeois <bourgeoisblake@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:57 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cornerstone Cyanide Facility

Good evening,

The threat posed by Cornerstone's proposed facility does not outweigh the economic benefits that the Parish is seeking. Parish officials should be embarrassed that Cornerstone's activities flew underneath the radar for as long as they did. Parish officials should be equally embarrassed at the delayed, misdirected, and inadequate response to the air quality issues already affecting Jefferson.

I am sick and tired of waking up in the middle of the night smelling chemicals in my home. I moved back to River Ridge, my childhood home, to raise my family about a year ago. I am terrified that I have invested everything I have to raise my two young children in an environment that could be harmful to their health.

Please put our health above money.

Sent from my iPhone

#2-2

Eula Lopez

From: raymilligan <raymilligan@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:26 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Cc: ByronLee
Subject: Cornerstone Chemical SPU Ordinance
Attachments: Council meeting Cornerstone Document.docx

Attached is my input regarding the upcoming council meeting on the Cornerstone Chemical SPU Ordinance.

Thanks

Ray Milligan

3-2

Eula Lopez

From: Bettye Bourgeois <betbou94@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:42 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cornerstone Cyanide Plant Permit Application

To Whom It May Concern:

As long time residents of River Ridge since 1975, we would like to express our vehement opposition to the proposed expansion of the Cornerstone Chemical Company facility to include production and storage of hydrogen cyanide. We are very concerned about the potential for a catastrophic accident which would not only be very harmful for the environment, but also life threatening for residents in the surrounding area. We have always loved living in the River Ridge area. Our son recently moved his family, a pregnant wife and almost two year old son to a new house on Rex Drive. I get very emotional thinking about the possibility of an accidental release of hydrogen cyanide and how it would impact their well being and that of neighbors. Please vote no to the permit for the expansion of this facility.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alan and Bettye Bourgeois
9404 Greg Court
River Ridge, La., 70123

Eula Lopez

#4 - 2

From: Mary Perez <mperez7372@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:21 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Council meeting - proposed cyanide

I am writing regarding agenda Items 13 (cyanide plant and storage) and 54 (settlement authorization for the lawsuit filed by Cornerstone) on the docket for Wednesday's council meeting. It is important that our Council votes no. This community has made our voices heard, how important this is to us. It impacts our entire community's health and safety. Many people have moved away from Jefferson Parish and I know many more will move, if this is approved.

I am assuming my councilman, Deano Bonano, will vote NO. In his election 5 point plan that he presented to the voters, point 5 stated that he "would work with my colleagues on the council to propose legislation that would prohibit the future permitting of any new chemical production facility in Jefferson Parish. There is simply no safe place to place any new chemical production facilities in our neighborhoods". He is correct, that this is imperative. I hope all council members, including Mr. Bonano, continue to fight for NO NEW CHEMICAL PRODUCTION in Jefferson Parish. There is simply no safe place for them in our neighborhoods!

There is no (or at best, extremely little) benefit for Jefferson Parish and there is actually a negative impact for the people who live here. The reward doesn't even exist for the Parish, on any level, so there is no reason to approve such a huge risk! I am asking for our Council to vote for what the constituents have been fighting for- a more livable area, which means voting NO to the stated agenda items.

Thank you.
Buffy Perez

Eula Lopez

#5-2

From: Alma Leonhard <almaleonhard@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:10 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cornerstone

I am against the cyanide plant at cornerstone.

Alma Leonhard
10114 Tiffany Drive
River Ridge, LA 70123

Sent from my iPhone

Eula Lopez

#6-2

From: Wade, Richard <Richard.Wade@cornerstonechemco.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:05 PM
To: Dominick Impastato; Jennifer Van Vrancken; RickyTemplet; ScottWalker
Cc: Eula Lopez
Subject: FW: Please approve the ordinance enabling issuance of an amended permit (Special Permitted Use) to allow construction and modernization of Cornerstone Chemicals HCN facilities

- I have been a resident of Jefferson Parish since 1969 when my parents moved to River Ridge, 51 years ago.
- I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from UNO in 1987.
- My entire work career has been based in Jefferson Parish from working at one of the distribution warehouses on Time Saver Ave. through college to and offshore related work involving erosion / corrosion engineering and offshore design and consulting for oil companies in the Gulf of Mexico. I've worked on both sides of the river in the parish.
- **FOR THE LAST 21 YEARS, I'VE BEEN EMPLOYED AT CYTEC/CORNERSTONE CHEMICAL COMPANY in Waggaman.**
 - I work in the plant/unit producing acrylonitrile and HCN.
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 - Our production of HCN travels in pipes 50 yards, internally onsite, to another plant where it is used as a feedstock to create clear plastics, such as face shields, sneeze guards, clear protective panels you are seeing in stores protecting employees at those businesses from COVID-19, along with applications for HDTV's, clear acrylic tunnels like in the Aquarium downtown or plastic windscreens for helicopters.
- Cornerstone, and its predecessor companies American Cyanamid and Cytec, have been in Jefferson Parish since 1953 and during that time here (when residents had only 4 TV stations, AM/FM radio, rotary telephones AND printed NEWSPAPERS and on through cell phones, Facebook and the internet), I do not recall any HCN event ever encroaching past the plant's boundaries.

I want to impress upon you the working environment we are in EVERYDAY here at Cornerstone and specifically this plant. Our entire plant management and the Acrylo plant manager are ALWAYS STRESSING AND WORKING TO PUT SAFETY FIRST.

- We have short daily morning meetings to discuss any issues, work coming up that day and general concerns by employees at all levels (production operators and panel board operators, engineering folks, project engineers and top managers).
- I know from my experiences over these past 21 years (FIRST HAND) that our method of operation is being safe. That is our PRIMARY job function. A job will not be done or rushed to completion to short cut any safety procedures or good industry practice. If there is an issue, the job or work will be delayed until such a time it is safe and sound to do the job.
- We are maintaining and updating equipment to insure safe and efficient operation of our plant to be a responsible member of Jefferson Parish and to the environment. We are maintaining and updating instrumentation and our "eyes" on our processes to be more efficient, safe and protective of the worksite and the local community.

- In many instances we are purchasing new equipment, vessels, pumps, instruments, etc. because those items became obsolete, hard to repair/maintain, OR THERE'S A BETTER ITEM TO USE ON THE MARKET TODAY.
- As part of our job as engineers, good community members and environmental stewards, we are always looking to maintain safe, consistent operation of the plant with the best equipment and technology available to us.
- Please remember the additional tax revenues the employees onsite bring to the parish during commutes to the plant, gasoline purchases, lunches in Avondale and Elmwood by numerous employees, trips to Home Depot and Walmart, etc. that put money into Jefferson Parish's budget. Keeping this site viable will help keep those dollars coming in.
- AND PERSONALLY, I would not want to pay additional taxes for any litigation costs incurred by court cases and possible awards that may be granted to Cornerstone due to ineffective governmental decisions based on incomplete knowledge of this site and this subject. Please do not SOLELY listen to the few loud and INSUFFICIENTLY informed people who do not know THE FACTS about the chemicals or the site.
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BOTTOM LINE IS WE ARE WORKING AT THE PLANT 52 weeks a year AND WE DO NOT WANT ANYTHING TO BE RELEASED CAUSING HARM OR INJURY TO US, let alone our neighbors in Waggaman or Jefferson Parish. So PLEASE APPROVE THIS AMENDED PERMIT TO ALLOW US TO MODERNIZE OUR FACILITIES AND HELP US BE BETTER AT OUR JOBS AND INSURE SAFE OPERATION OF THIS PLANT FOR MANY YEARS TO COME, as our technical presentations to you have explained. AND TO KEEP JEFFERSON PARISH SAFE, STRONG AND VIABLE IN THE METRO REGION AND LOUISIANA.

Thanks for your time and consideration of this email. You may contact me at this email address to discuss further if you like.

*Richard Wade
9117 Rosecrest Lane
River Ridge, LA 70123*

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#7-2

Eula Lopez

From: Wade, Richard <Richard.Wade@cornerstonechemco.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 5:53 PM
To: Eula Lopez; DeanoBonano; MarionEdwards; ByronLee; dominikimpastato@jeffparish.net; jennifervanvracken@jeffparish.net
Subject: Please approve the ordinance enabling issuance of an amended permit (Special Permitted Use) to allow construction and modernization of Cornerstone Chemicals HCN facilities

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Eula Lopez

8-2

From: Natalie Alleman <natalie.k.alleman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 5:35 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cyanide Plant

Ms. Lopez,

I am a resident of River Ridge and am asking that at the May 13 council meeting you STOP Cornerstone from building the new hydrogen cyanide plant and hydrogen cyanide storage vessels.

Sincerely,

Natalie Alleman

Eula Lopez

#9-2

From: Melanie White <msw0553@me.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:39 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cornerstone

I am in total opposition to granting Cornerstone cyanide any more storage or expansion of their facility. The council is elected and works for the citizens. Do the right thing to protect us.
Melanie White

Sent from my iPad

Eula Lopez

#10-2

From: Sully Man <jalleman83@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: council meeting

Ms. Lopez,

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Joshua Alleman

Eula Lopez

1-3

From: David Alleman <jeanninealleman@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: May 13 council meeting

Ms. Lopez,

I am a resident of River Ridge and am asking that at the May 13 council meeting you STOP Cornerstone from building the new hydrogen cyanide plant and hydrogen cyanide storage vessels.

Jeannine Alleman

Eula Lopez

2-3

From: David & Jeannine Alleman <djalleman1@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:31 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: cornerstone expansion

Ms. Lopez,

I am a resident of River Ridge and am asking that at the May 13 council meeting you STOP Cornerstone from building the new hydrogen cyanide plant and hydrogen cyanide storage vessels.

David Alleman

Eula Lopez

3-3

From: Hermene Anderson <hermene1@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cornerstone Cyanide Expansion

Dear Ms Lopez,

As a resident of River Ridge in Jefferson Parish, I am appalled to see that this issue, the expansion of the Cornerstone Cyanide production, is coming in front of the Council yet again!!!

What do we have to do to get our council members to pay attention to the wants and needs of their constituents?? Have we not made it perfectly clear that we DO NOT WANT CORNERSTONE TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS EXPANSION! Do we, as residents, have no voice here? Is the money that you all receive from Cornerstone buy your vote! I believe it does. You all are taking bribes from this company.

They have many safety issues at this company. Will your turn a blind eye to this as well!!

We already have them polluting our environment. Must we stand for them increasing the level of their pollution! Why??

What benefits do we, as residents, get from this company!! There is nothing positive that will come out of their expansion plan.

And it is beyond my belief that the council members want to contribute to our nickname "Cancer Alley".

The Council has already snuck in midstream loading operations under our noses. They are contributors to the pollution and noise levels we have to endure. Not to mention the defunct Landfill issue.

Please listen to the outcry of us all...

STOP CORNERSTONE FROM EXPANDING!!!

I pray that there is someone on this council that will represent what "the people" want.

I await the councils negative votes against Cornerstones plan.

Hermene Anderson

Hermene Anderson, LMT

Licensed Massage Therapist

LA License #5072

124 Coventry Ct.

River Ridge, LA. 70123

heart2hands@mac.com

504-258-1966

Sent from my iPhone

Eula Lopez

#4-3

From: Savoy, Paul <Paul.Savoy@cornerstonechemco.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 3:57 PM
To: Eula Lopez; DeanoBonano
Subject: Proposed Cornerstone HCN facility

I work for Cornerstone and I know from personal experience that Cornerstone has safely produced, handled and managed HCN at the Fortier site since I started working at Fortier in 1973. The proposed HCN facility will provide economic benefits to Jefferson parish and the state of Louisiana.

Paul D. Savoy
700 Sadie Ave.
Metairie, LA 70003

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Cornerstone Chemical Company

Eula Lopez

A5-3

From: Kelly Montagnino <keleighmontag@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cornerstone

I would like to plead with the council to not allow the expansion of Cornerstone. Please consider the residents' health. Most of the council does not live near the facility. This corridor of the river is becoming heavily industrial and is impacting the lives of the residents. Please imagine Cornerstone adjacent to your neighborhood. Or the landfill or midstream loading operations.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Kelly Montagnino

Eula Lopez

#6-3

From: Sue <smbfinney01@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Emergency Preparedness Plan May 13 Cornerstone

I ask that our elected officials on the Jefferson Parish Council require from the Cornerstone Corporation

- a verifiable disaster plan IN WRITING,
 - enforcement protocols in writing,
 - and penalties.
-
- I ask that Cornerstone agree to have a citizen oversight panel to review the safety procedures during a year, with the power to have them shut down if there are violations.

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Susan Finney

#7-3

Eula Lopez

From: Erin McCarthy <ekm2525@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Eula Lopez; Dominick Impastato
Subject: May 13 Council Meeting – Support for Cornerstone Chemical Company

Dear Jefferson Parish Council Members:

As an employee of Cornerstone and resident of Jefferson Parish for more than 40 years, I am proud to work for Cornerstone and I am proud to help employ Jefferson parish residents and surrounding parish residents in our facility. I know from personal experience that Cornerstone has safely produced, handled and managed HCN at the Fortier site for years. The proposed HCN facility will make the facility safer for me, my co-workers and the community. I strongly agree with allowing my company to have the necessary permitting to proceed in making the HCN facility safer and more efficient.

With the effects of Covid-19 spreading across the country, I am proud to work for a company that has assisted in fight against this pandemic. The chemical industry in Louisiana has played a vital role in the fight against COVID-19, and we at Cornerstone have been doing our part to produce products that keep the world safe. For example, Cornerstone produces the HCN and sulfuric acid which is needed to make the protective barriers, such as social distancing shields, sneeze guards, or protective panels, that are being installed in grocery stores and other spaces to help keep staff, customers and visitors safe and socially distant in our community and across the country.

In addition to the above statement, Cornerstone is also a community partner in Waggaman and works to keep in contact with its neighbors. Whether it is supporting United Way of Southeast Louisiana, our local civic association, our Waggaman community or our 10 adopted Jefferson Parish public schools, we work to make a strong positive impact in our community. The proposed work at the Cornerstone site will be beneficial to Louisiana and the local economy.

Cornerstone is a dedicated partner in Jefferson Parish and has been for more than 60 years. As one of the largest employers in the parish, we generate significant economic impacts for the local area, including great jobs, growth opportunities and additional local tax revenue. We are committed to our team of employees, our community, and to the safe operations of our facility.

Erin McCarthy
Cornerstone Employee & Jefferson Parish Resident

#8-3

Eula Lopez

From: Oncale, Michael <Michael.Oncale@cornerstonechemco.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:21 PM
To: ByronLee; Eula Lopez
Subject: May 13 Council Meeting – Support for Cornerstone Chemical Company

Dear Councilman Byron Lee,

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Sincerely,
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Marrero, LA 70072

Thanks,
Michael



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Cornerstone Chemical Company

#9-3

Eula Lopez

From: alesisa ancar <aya4lauryn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 1:14 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cornerstone Toxins

I am a citizen of waggaman. We built our home 4 years ago and it is a decision I sometimes regret. Cornerstone is toxic to the families in this community and we deserve to breathe healthy air and so do our children. As a cancer survivor this only adds to the nightmare regarding mine and my family's health. I beg you to please consider the families. The money doesn't matter for the community over our health.

Thanks,

Alesisa Ancar

#10-3

Eula Lopez

From: Condon, Michele <Michele.Condon@cornerstonechemco.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Eula Lopez; DeanoBonano
Subject: Council Meeting request

Subject: May 13 Council Meeting – Support for Cornerstone Chemical Company

Dear Councilman Bonano,

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I know firsthand that Cornerstone has safely produced, handled and managed HCN at the Waggaman site since 1953 both as a stand-alone plant and as a co-product of acrylonitrile. The fact that most residents of Jefferson parish were surprised to learn this information only highlights the fact that Cornerstone has been an excellent environmental steward these many years. The proposed HCN facility will only make the facility safer for me, my co-workers and the community.

I have lived in Harahan for the last 20 years and the 10 years prior to that in old Jefferson. Jefferson Parish needs to support an industry providing good high paying jobs to its constituents. It especially needs to support companies declared as essential in the fight against COVID-19. We at Cornerstone have been doing our part to produce products that keep the world safe. For example, Cornerstone produces the HCN and sulfuric acid needed to make the protective barriers, referred to as social distancing shields, sneeze guards, or protective panels, that are being installed in grocery stores and other transactional spaces to help keep staff, customers and visitors safe and socially distant.

The proposed work at the Cornerstone site will be beneficial to Louisiana and the local economy. I live in this community, and I am proud of the work my co-workers and I do. Your vote in support of Cornerstone will help us continue to create good jobs in our community, modernize our work facilities and run an even safer plant. I appreciate the opportunity to record my support for Cornerstone.

Sincerely,
Michele Condon
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Harahan, LA 70123

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Michele Condon



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Cornerstone Chemical Company

1-4

Eula Lopez

From: Arlee Culotta <culottaarlee@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cornerstone

I implore you to revoke the SPU to stop Cornerstone from building the new hydrogen cyanide plant and hydrogen storage vessels. James and Arlee Culotta.

#2-4

Eula Lopez

From: Eula Lopez
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:43 AM
To: Ricky Templet; Scott A. Walker; Marion F. Edwards; Deano Bonano; Byron Lee; Dominick Impastato; Jennifer Van Vrancken
Cc: Brett Lawson; Keith Conley; Brian P. Grenrood; Ashley Ellis; Marc A. Burmaster; Terry Talamo; Angela Callais; Dwayne Munch; Pamela M. Watson; Mike Quigley; Jason Ural; Brenda Campos; Jeffrey Simno; Ann Cardwell; Carol Macera; Jeremy Dwyer; Deontrine Green; Tiffany Wilken; Michelle Artigues; Nelson Matthews; Paula Rojas; Sharon Anderson; Trudy Benoit; Wendy Bush; Kim Clasen; Brandy Danos; Cassie Callais; Ryan Brown; Dwann Wagner; Jillandra Johnson; Sheri Giovingo; Paris Vinnett; Austin Liberto
Subject: FW: Follow-up Comment regarding Proposed Ordinance NO. 25426-Cornerstone Chemical Company's Fortier Manufacturing Complex

To All Councilmembers:
 FYI

From: ANDREW WILSON <andreww10@att.net>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 3:29 PM
To: Deano Bonano <DBonano@jeffparish.net>; Jennifer Van Vrancken <JenniferVanVrancken@jeffparish.net>; RickyTemplet <RickyTemplet@jeffparish.net>; ScottWalker <ScottWalker@jeffparish.net>; MarionEdwards <MarionEdwards@jeffparish.net>; ByronLee <ByronLee@jeffparish.net>; Dominick Impastato <DominickImpastato@jeffparish.net>
Cc: Eula Lopez <ELopez@jeffparish.net>; Bessie L. Renfrow <BRenfrow@jeffparish.net>; Reed Smith <rsmith@jeffparish.net>
Subject: Follow-up Comment regarding Proposed Ordinance NO. 25426-Cornerstone Chemical Company's Fortier Manufacturing Complex

Dear Council Persons:

This is to follow-up on my recent comment of April 20, 2020, sent to you regarding the captioned Council action/activity. Again, I am a long-term resident of River Ridge, Jefferson Parish ("JP") and am also an attorney.

My concern here is that the current posture of this litigation with Cornerstone over the SPU and the Council's current consideration of "throwing in the towel" with a possible settlement concerning same is, in a word, nonsensical. As a JP taxpayer and environmental attorney, I have serious concerns that such a settlement at this point would be irresponsible and my concerns are shared by other residents.

As you all are, no doubt, aware, the Cornerstone litigation is not based upon a tort theory, but rather a regulatory taking (inverse condemnation) theory, i.e., that its property was "taken" without just compensation as required under the due process clauses of Art. 1 Sec. 4 of the State Constitution and the 5th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. There are general, preliminary considerations in the Courts' evaluations of a takings claim. To establish a taking, a party must show that: (1) a recognized species of property right has been affected; (2) the property interest has been taken or damaged in a constitutional sense; and (3) the taking or damaging was for a public purpose under LSA-Const. art. I,

sec. 4. *Suire v. Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government*, 2004-1459 (La. 4/12/05), 907 So. 2d 37,60.

First, an obvious, threshold requirement for such a claim, is that in order to state a claim or cause of action, the claimant, here Cornerstone, must have a legally recognized and therefore compensable property interest. *Suire*, 907 So. 2d at 60. Stated succinctly, no property interest, no claim. The alleged right to a permit does not constitute a property right within the context of an inverse condemnation claim. *Belle Co. v. State*, 2008-2382 (La. App. 1 Cir. 06/12/09); 25 So. 3d 847, 857

From a factual standpoint, the SPU at issue clearly indicates that any right Cornerstone may have had is clearly contingent or inchoate in nature. From page 2, item No. 8 of the SPU:

“The applicant has proposed to add a new plant facility that will produce and consume HCN on-site. **The final design of the plant area has not been completed**; however, the proposed two tanks will be approximately 26,000 gallons each and shall meet NFPA and Parish requirements. The applicant is **required to request for another amendment to the site plan when the design for the HCN plant is finalized.**” (emphasis added)

This wording confirms that the project is far from finalized, still subject to further Council approval, and, is, in fact, a work in progress, not a “crystallized” property right. In addition, it is hard to understand how Cornerstone could have incurred over \$10 million in expenses based upon an understanding that the SPU was a “done deal” when LDEQ had not issued the final permit for the facility until March 9, 2020. In other words, any expenditures undertaken for the HCN project would have been incurred based upon a gamble that the LDEQ permit would be issued. That Permit may well be challenged on appeal in the 19th JDC and is therefore not a final decision. Therefore, there is no causal nexus between any action or inaction of the Council on the SPU and Cornerstone’s alleged expenditures. Accordingly, serious factual issues associated with Cornerstone’s alleged property interest become readily apparent when examined under the magnifying glass of the applicable takings law. For this reason alone, settlement should not even be a consideration.

Next, even if a valid property interest existed, the rights of a landowner are always “subject to reasonable statutory restrictions and the reasonable exercise of the police power,” i.e., the inherent power of this Council under the Louisiana Constitution to exercise reasonable control over persons and property within its jurisdiction in the interest of the general security, health, safety, morals, and welfare except where legally prohibited. LSA-Const. art. I, § 4; Article IX, § 1. The Council has every right to protect its citizens from cyanide as well as other toxic chemicals and not allow a polluter to endanger the citizens’ health and peace of mind. This is a no-brainer.

Third, a regulatory program that adversely affects property values does not constitute a taking unless it destroys a major portion of the property’s value. *Annison v. Hoover*, 517 So.2d 420, 423 (La. App. 1 Cir. 1987) citing, *First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glendale v. County of Los Angeles, California*, 482 U.S. 304, 107 S.Ct. 2378, 2393, (1987)(Stevens, J., dissenting), and. *See Bituminous Coal Association v. DeBenedictis*, 480 U.S. 470, 107 S.Ct. 1232, 94 L.Ed.2d 472 (1987); *Agins v. Tiburon*, 447 U.S. 255, 100 S.Ct. 2138, 65 L.Ed.2d 106 (1980). No such evidence has been presented to date in this matter; indeed, the Cornerstone facility remains in full operation.

Finally, there is a basic premise to takings law that, as against reasonable state regulation, no one has a legally protected right to use property in a manner that is injurious to the safety of the general public. *Allied-General Nuclear Services v. United States*, 839 F.2d 1572, 1576 (Fed. Cir.), *cert. denied*, 488 U.S. 819, 109 S. Ct. 61, 102 L. Ed. 2d 39 (1988). This makes for a significant consideration in the context of the handling, or more importantly, mishandling of cyanide and other toxic chemicals in

a heavily populated area, as here, as is shown by the history of incidents at the Cornerstone facility, many of which took place after the Council's original action on the SPU.

In sum, in order to pursue a settlement of the Cornerstone litigation at this time, the Council would have to ignore these basic yet important legal hurdles and defenses in takings law, and then, in essence, abandon them. From a citizen/taxpayer standpoint, this is simply unacceptable. I trust the Council will instead fulfill its duty, reevaluate the proposed settlement and continue to defend the Parish from Cornerstone's questionable claims.

Respectfully,

Andrew C. Wilson, Esq.

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River Ridge, LA 70123

Eula Lopez

#3-4

From: Landry Camardelle <landry.camardelle@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cornerstone Plant SPU ordinance

I have been a resident of our Waggaman community for 56 yrs., living approx. 3 miles from the Cornerstone plant. To my knowledge the Cornerstone plant, and the plant predecessors (Cytex & American Cyanide) have been producing & using HCN in plant operations for 50 yrs. or so, without any negative affect on the quality of life for our Waggaman residents. As a member of the Cornerstone CAP (Citizens Advisory Panel) along with 10 other Waggaman community leaders & business men, we attend numerous on site meetings to discuss plant operations etc. One of the main topics in discussion over the past year, was the HCN production & in-plant use. Cornerstone has upgraded their HCN production operations to meet the most stringent safety standards, with sole use in plant operations, and with no HCN leaving the plant premises.

I worked at a West Bank petrochemical plant for 44 yrs., until my retirement, and am well aware of potential production problems. Over these yrs., I have visited many refineries & other petroleum type plants for various reasons. After several tours of the Cornerstone plant, I must state that they are well above board in safety & efficient operations.

For these reasons, I urge the J.P. council to not oppose the Cornerstone plants HCN SPU request. Thank you

Eula Lopez

4-4

From: elizabeth kensel <beth.kensel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: STOP the Cornerstone Hydrogen Cyanide Plant

Dear Ms. Lopez,

Please pass the following message along to the members of the Jefferson Parish Council. As a citizen of Jefferson Parish, I urge you to PLEASE revoke the SPU in order to STOP Cornerstone from Building the New Hydrogen Cyanide Plant and Hydrogen Cyanide Storage Vessels in Jefferson Parish.

I am outraged that something so potentially dangerous with little to no benefit for the citizens of Jefferson Parish is even a consideration much less close to being approved. The fact that this potentially DEADLY plant is also TAX EXEMPT just boggles the mind. I am tired of the political corruption that leads to dangerous decisions such as these and will vote out ANYONE who votes to approve this new cyanide plant.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Kensel
River Ridge, LA

Eula Lopez

5-4

From: Terrio, Wayne <Wayne.Terio@cornerstonechemco.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:08 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: May 13 Council Meeting – Support for Cornerstone Chemical Company

Dear Councilman Bonano,

I write today in support of Cornerstone Chemical Company, and I sincerely appreciate you taking time to read my email. As one of your constituents and an employee of Cornerstone, I am asking you to please support the ordinance that approves Cornerstone's permit to modernize its HCN facilities. Consideration of the ordinance is expected to be on the agenda at the council's next meeting on May 13.

I have been employed by Cornerstone Chemical Company / Cytec Industries / American Cyanamid for over 43 years. During that time, the company has done nothing but improve its record of safety and environmental compliance. Also, as a resident of Harahan, I can attest that the recent complaints of odors, which I have also experienced, in the Harahan/River Ridge area have NOT originated at Cornerstone Chemical Company. I would know from my 43 years of working there. The company has been safely handling HCN since its opening in the 1950's with no impact on the community.

The proposed work at the Cornerstone site will be beneficial to Louisiana and the local economy. I live in this community, and I am proud of the work my co-workers and I do. Your vote in support of Cornerstone will help us continue to create good jobs in our community, modernize our work facilities and run an even safer plant. I appreciate the opportunity to record my support for Cornerstone.

Thanks,
Wayne Terrio.



Wayne Terrio
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#6-4

Eula Lopez

From: Jessica Markle <jess.markle@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:05 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: RESCIND cyanide plant

I implore you to please RESCIND Cornerstone's permit to build, expand and operate a Cyanide plant in Jefferson parish. It serves as ZERO benefit for the community with what it brings to the table and all the risks and long term damage to people and the environment offer us nothing but a plethora of future issues. Whatever, money they contribute to the community is not even a drop in the bucket from the money they stand to make and not be taxed on. 15 jobs is NOTHING in our vast community. You're willing to put such a dangerous chemical so close to residents who could die instantly if there were a leak or mishap. This company has never been forthright with communication and only recently acted like it to save face when their initial permit was rescinded. Plus they have a laundry list of issues and the public is only made aware of it many, many months after the fact when the damage has been done. The health of your constituents should be a top priority, but if you pass this permit you all are spitting in our faces and telling us our lives don't hold any value over the almighty dollar.

Do NOT allow cornerstone any further expansion!!!!

A fellow Jefferson parish resident.

Sent from my iPhone

#7-4

Eula Lopez

From: Breaud, Thomas <Thomas.Breaud@cornerstonechemco.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:32 AM
To: DeanoBonano; Eula Lopez
Subject: Cornerstone Chemical Co

Hello,
My name is Thomas Breaud, and I am a supervisor of operations at Cornerstone Chemical Company, as well as a resident of Jefferson Parish ("Old" Gretna). I am the "boots on the ground" and am very much involved in operations throughout the site on a daily basis. I can personally attest for the manner of safety and responsibility that Cornerstone operates with. Safety and environmental protection is our priority.

I understand you are getting some kickback with the HCN expansion/modernization project from our local community. Although current society is pretty good at painting chemical companies in a negative light, it still surprises me that they are against this. Cornerstone makes a great effort to involve the community through donations, communications, services, etc. I have personally been a part of several United Way efforts as well as reach outs to local schools in the community. Additionally, the products from Cornerstone are playing a key role in the recent COVID-19 efforts. The final products that are created from our Acrylonitrile intermediates (where HCN is used) are being used in shields at checkout registers, face shields for social distancing needs, etc.

Cornerstone has **safely** operated with HCN from the beginning of its creation (American "Cyan"amid). The modernization of the HCN facility will not only **improve** the safety of HCN operations, but will bring several jobs and revenue to our community.

I implore you to logically consider the beneficial effects of the proposed HCN expansion/modernization on a safety, environmental, and economic front for our community. When listening to protestors, please remember that with any plant, we are governed by state and national law on discharges to air, water, ground, how we operate in the process, and have done our ethical duty to abide by these laws for years.

Thanks,
Thomas Breaud



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Cornerstone Chemical Company

#8-4

Eula Lopez

From: Pollard, Leo <Leo.Pollard@cornerstonechemco.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 9:37 PM
To: Eula Lopez; MarionEdwards
Subject: May 13 Council Meeting – Support for Cornerstone Chemical Company

Dear Councilman Marion Edwards,

I write today in support of Cornerstone Chemical Company, and I sincerely appreciate you taking time to read my email. As one of your constituents and an employee of Cornerstone, I am asking you to please support the ordinance that approves Cornerstone's permit to modernize its HCN facilities. Consideration of the ordinance is expected to be on the agenda at the council's next meeting on May 13.

Working for Cornerstone Chemical Company I not only assist with making the goods that has been helping people throughout Covid 19, but I also volunteer with the company through the United Way. Cornerstone Chemical also donates to several schools throughout Jefferson Parish and has adopt schools through reading programs. Cornerstone Chemical is a company is more about help than hurt.

The proposed work at the Cornerstone site will be beneficial to Louisiana and the local economy. I live in this community, and I am proud of the work my co-workers and I do. Your vote in support of Cornerstone will help us continue to create good jobs in our community, modernize our work facilities and run an even safer plant. I appreciate the opportunity to record my support for Cornerstone.

Sincerely,
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Cornerstone Chemical Company

Eula Lopez

9-4

From: Bernard Menge <bmenge@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Cc: ByronLee
Subject: Cornerstone SPU Permit

I have been a resident of Waggaman for 18 years.

I am aware Cornerstone Chemical Company has been producing HCN onsite for 50 years as a byproduct of acrylonitrile, which is required in the production of other chemicals being manufactured on their site.

I am aware of their intent to upgrade and modernize the acrylonitrile plant, which will result in increased efficiency and a reduced amount of the byproduct, HCN.

I understand Cornerstone intends to construct a new modern plant and associated process vessels to produce HCN, which is required to make another product currently being produced onsite.

Based on the fact HCN has been used there for such a long time without incident, that their plans to upgrade and modernize facilities will make it even safer, and that I do not want to see HCN brought in by truck or rail, I do not stand in opposition in granting them a permit to proceed with this project.

Thank you,

Bernard Menge

Resident of Waggaman

#10-4

Eula Lopez

From: flight158203@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 8:58 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cornerstone

Please once again I'm asking you to revoke the SPU in order to STOP Cornerstone from Building the New Hydrogen Cyanide Plant and Hydrogen Cyanide Storage Vessels. Cornerstone has already had many accident that were not relayed to the people of Waggaman. I'm signed up for the newsletter and phone call everything. But tonight I hear thru a third party that a ship crashed into the dock of Cornerstone. Supposedly no leaks, but we all know they cover up the facts like they've done before.

We can not afford any kind of accident with a cyanide plant. That would be devastating. Please stop this for the residents of Waggaman. It's just not worth it.

Thank you
Jo Cummings

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad

Eula Lopez

#1-5

From: Robert DePaula <depaularobert@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: NO TO CYANIDE!!

Hello Ms Lopez,

My name is Robert DePaula and my family lives at 416 Tiffany Drive, River Ridge, LA 70123. We are strongly against any measure for Cornerstone Chemical to expand or increase production of Cyanide. It is unbelievable we are still discussing this issue. Cyanide should not be produced close to residential neighborhoods....PERIOD. Furthermore, Cornerstone Chemical has a terrible safety record. Please, do not be on the wrong side of this issue.

Best regards,
Robert DePaula

Eula Lopez

#2-5

From: Finger, Kent <Kent.Finger@cornerstonechemco.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:24 PM
To: Jennifer Van Vrancken; Eula Lopez
Subject: May 13 Council Meeting – Support for Cornerstone Chemical Company

Dear Councilwoman Van Vrancken,

I write today in support of Cornerstone Chemical Company, and I sincerely appreciate you taking time to read my email. As one of your constituents and an employee of Cornerstone, I am asking you to please support the ordinance that approves Cornerstone's permit to modernize its HCN facilities. Consideration of the ordinance is expected to be on the on the agenda at the council's next meeting on May 13.

Elizabeth and I have been very happy to live on Orpheum for over twenty-five years as I've worked here at the plant. We're thankful for this wonderful place to raise our family and for this great place to work. At Cornerstone, I've worked to support and sustain a safe working environment for my coworkers, our community, and myself. I know from personal experience that Cornerstone has safely produced, handled, and managed HCN at the Fortier site for years. The proposed HCN facility will make the facility safer for me, my co-workers, and the community.

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Sincerely,

Kent Finger
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Cornerstone Chemical Company

Eula Lopez

E Mail #3-5

From: Chuck L <cfl.3@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 9:44 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cornerstone Chemical New Hydrogen Cyanide Plant

ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY WHO HAVE BEEN IN JEFFERSON PARISH SINCE 1991, I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING FROM MY PERSPECTIVE AS ONE OF THE CITIZENS OF JP,

1. DOES THIS BENEFIT WE CITIZENS?
2. AR THERE ANY WATER QUALITY QUESTIONS IN THIS CONSIDERATION TO ALLOW THE PLANT IN JEFFERSON PARISH?
3. WHAT PROBLEMS ARE HISTORICALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS TYPE OF PLANT? WHY DO YOU THINK THAT THIS PLANT WILL BE FREE OF THOSE PROBLEMS?
4. WHAT IS THE TRACK RECORD OF THIS COMPANY WITH VIOLATIONS IN THE AREAS OF THEIR PLANTS? OVER THE HISTORY OF THEIR EXISTENCE AND WITH THEIR PRIOR COMPANY NAMES
5. WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC STEPS FOR EVACUATION OF THE RESIDENCES AND SCHOOLS WITHIN 5 MILES OF THE PROPOSED SITE?
6. WHAT NEGATIVE MATTERS HAVE YOU AS REPRESENTATIVES CONSIDERED AND FOUND ACCEPTABLE IN DECIDING TO ALLOW THEIR PROCEEDING WITH THESE PLANS?
7. WHICH COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO VOTE FOR IT, AND WHICH ONES ARE EXPECTED TO VOTE AGAINST IT?

THANKS;

SIGNED: CONCERNED FOR YOUR FAMILY

#4-5

Eula Lopez

From: Chance Folse <ccfolse@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:14 AM
To: Eula Lopez; MarionEdwards
Subject: Cornerstone

Dear Councilman Marion Edwards,

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Sincerely,

Chance Folse
2686 Jared Lane
Marrero, La 70072

To be read

5/13/20

#5-5

Eula Lopez

From: Lisa Karlin <lkarlin@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:47 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Public comment for May 13 Council meeting

My name is Lisa Karlin and I'm submitting a public comment for agenda items 13 and 54.

Cornerstone Chemical announced the licensing of cyanide plant technology from Chemours on December 15, 2017. On January 31, 2018, the previous Council approved a special permitted use, or SPU, for the construction of a cyanide plant, two 26,000 gallon cyanide storage tanks, one sulfuric acid tank, six new alky acid tanks, one urea tank and one water tank. The only things that the Council voted to revoke, with cause, on April 3, 2019 were new construction of a cyanide plant and two cyanide storage tanks. All of the other safety improvements and upgrades had been allowed to proceed.

When the Council revoked the SPU, Cornerstone still did not have an LDEQ air permit, required before construction of a cyanide plant could begin. Cornerstone is now claiming they spent millions based on the previous Council's SPU approval decision, and the decision to revoke the SPU is arbitrary and capricious. The timeline shows that Cornerstone purchased the cyanide plant technology six weeks before the initial Council's decision and 15 months before LDEQ's decision on their air permit application. Cornerstone put the cart before the horse and there is no basis for their claim of damages.

Citizens and attorneys in the community reviewed the materials that Cornerstone submitted to the parish with their SPU application. Cornerstone submitted incomplete and inaccurate information, and evidence of this was submitted to the Council in emails last spring before the SPU was revoked, and further provided in person during community and Council meetings. In fact, attorney Charles Zimmer stood before the previous Council and stated, "You weren't given the right info. The material they gave you had no environmental impact studies. No economic impact study. In the info you looked at, did they ever tell you they never comply with LDEQ permits as it is? If you were at the hearing [LDEQ public hearing held on February 12th], you would have heard hours of this. Did you know they exceeded releases by 200% of hydrogen cyanide? The material you received was in error and your approval was made in error." This public statement was made during the February 27, 2019 Council meeting and can be viewed on the archived Council meeting video around minute 34.

Newly elected Council members, as well as those who were re-elected, recently have received multiple emails containing documentation that the Council's 2018 decision was not arbitrary, and was made with indisputable cause.

For anyone who thinks the settlement terms are reasonable, I want to point something out. Item 5 states that the cyanide storage tanks, which Cornerstone is now calling process vessels, will be "less than the 10,000 gallon trigger for storage of hazardous materials in bulk which requires approval from the Council. As such, the two 4,500 gallon process vessels do not require Council approval." However, let no one forget that construction of a cyanide plant requires Council approval. Let me say that again. Construction of a cyanide plant requires Council approval.

The cyanide plant will produce 50 million pounds of cyanide per year. That's almost 137,000 pounds of cyanide each and every day. That's a mind-boggling amount, considering how two workers were injured when there was a spill of just 100 pounds of cyanide.

No amount of cyanide is safe to produce and store in the middle of four existing chemical plants.

Council members, you were elected to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people in Jefferson Parish. Building a cyanide plant and storing cyanide—no matter the amount—so close to our homes, schools, and workplaces is not in our best interest.

This is your decision to make. Not the parish attorney's. The majority of you are attorneys and I sincerely hope that you have looked at the overwhelming evidence that Cornerstone has no claim for damages and that the 2018 Council decision was not arbitrary and capricious. The decision to revoke the SPU for construction of a cyanide plant and cyanide storage tanks was made with cause, and must be defended.

Eula Lopez

From: Susan Benton <bentonjs@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Read at council meeting

Please read at next council meeting.

I am Susan Benton. I live at 77 colonial Club Dr. Hopefully at this meeting council members will pay attention while emails from residents are being read instead of chatting with people in the background and ignoring their constituents' concerns.

I strongly oppose the expansion of Cornerstone. Contrary to what I was told by the only councilman who provided an actual response to my email, the lawyers I have spoken with say there is a good chance the parish would win a case in court regarding a law suit over the withdrawal of the permit allowing Cornerstone to expand. It seems the general consensus on the council is that the parish would lose the case.

Why is it that the parish can waste millions upon millions of our tax dollars on a myriad of things but balks at spending ANYTHING when it comes to protecting the health and safety of the residents. The money that the parish seems to balk at spending are OUR tax dollars. We should have some say in how those dollars are spent. We want to go to court and we are willing to use our tax dollars to do it.

I WILL NOT ACCEPT THE excuse that if we go to court, we will lose the case and waste our money and, therefore, the parish must concede. We demand to have our day in court.

Sent from my iPhone

Eula Lopez

#7-5

From: bridget Rupe <pyxie@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 5:58 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cornerstone permit

As a resident of waggaman and a nurse I am not in favor of giving cornerstone cyanide permit in my area. Waggaman has been exposed to repeated accidental leaks from cornerstone with no notification. An accidental release of cyanide would expose my neighbors and children to harmful if not deadly cyanide exposure. I in fact did not even receive a postcard notifying me of the permit approvals and yet my neighbor informed me. Also because I have signed up for voluntary notification of accidents at cornerstone but have never been notified except by local news I know that the companies response has and will be neglectful in an emergency. I cannot make it to the meeting due to fighting corona but please consider not issuing the permit from the parish.

Bridget Boudreaux
120 gardenia lane
Waggaman la 70094

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Eula Lopez

8-5

From: JANICE O. LEWIS <jcol347@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 10:20 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: SPU

I am writing in opposition to the "Special Permit Use" permit for Cornerstone Chemical Co. This parish does not need another chemical plant and more storage vessels that further puts us in danger. Please vote "NO"

Thank you,

Janice Lewis

9507 Jefferson Hwy.

River Ridge, La 70123

Sent from my iPhone

Eula Lopez

#9-5

From: Tracie Burke <tracieburke504@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 6:49 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Campaign to Stop Cornerstone

Dear Ms Lopez, please tell our Jefferson Parish Politicians to revoke the SPU in order to STOP Cornerstone from Building the New Hydrogen Cyanide Plant and Hydrogen Cyanide Storage Vessels before the May 13/2020 Jefferson Parish Council Member meeting. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Tracie Burke

#1-6

Eula Lopez

From: Tanya Delaune <tanya.delaune.td@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 6:36 AM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cyanide plant

Good morning, I understand there's a possible cyanide plant &/or storage facility that could be coming to Jefferson Parish. I'm a River Ridge resident & oppose this business due to the chemicals that could risk a horrible accident that could affect our community residents. This is too close to residential areas. I also don't think they should be offered tax breaks or incentives to attract them. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Tanya Delaune

Eula Lopez

2-6

From: Alyssa Bourgeois <bourgeoisalyssa@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:49 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cyanide Plant expansion-please read at council meeting

Good evening,

It has come to my attention that Jefferson Parish has reconsidered the Cyanide plant. My family is deeply concerned and opposed to this expansion.

As a resident of River Ridge, I am already uneasy and angry with our current air quality state. I feel frustrated and unheard about existing air quality issues we have been dealing with for years. Some early mornings (between 2-4AM), we are woken by a smell that is indescribable. It honestly feels like we are in a gas chamber in our own home. My 2 year old son wakes up coughing on these nights. To add, we live in a new construction home that is extremely well insulated, and we still deal with this.

Because this smell/gas release only seems to happen in the middle of the night, it makes me even more leery of another chemical plant that has the potential to do even more harm to our air quality.

Please let our voices be heard and protect the citizens of Jefferson Parish. Air quality should be a top priority, and it's already in jeopardy. Until we can solve the current air quality issues at hand, I am strongly opposed for expansion of additional chemical plants.

Do not hesitate to call if you would like to speak further.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Bourgeois
504-812-3278
River Ridge Resident

Sent from my iPhone

#3-6

Eula Lopez

From: karenchebert <karenchebert@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:54 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Conerstone Cyanide storage vessels

Hi,

Karen Hebert from Waggaman here again asking you today again to please reach down deep inside your hearts & minds and please vote NO to the Cyanide storage vessels that Conerstone is trying to sneak in our neighborhood again. Waggaman residents are living daily in fear & stressed that a disaster (man made or not) of some sort will happen & there won't be time to notify any of us living within mile from the unsafe chemical plant. Conerstone's safety records speak for it's self. I dont think a possible 15 new jobs, to produce 50 million pounds of cyanide & increased harmful pollutants is worth it. I think the residents quality of life is more important. There is not a single benefit for the citizens in Waggaman or Jefferson Parish.. NONE....

Please think about this,

"50 million pounds of CYANIDE in your family, friends, coworkers or even your worst enemy's backyard".

What will you say when that catastrophic accident happens? Please dont put the Waggaman or JP residents in this unnecessary amount of danger.

Please say NO to Conerstone and YES, I hear you to the residents of Jefferson parish.

God Bless you all..

4-6

Eula Lopez

From: Jill Stradley <stradley20@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:40 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cyanide plant

We do not want a hydrogen cyanide plant operating in Jefferson Parish. Our home in River Ridge is already dealing with a stench and mysterious particles being released into the air. We are concerned for our family's health and are considering moving to the North Shore.

-Jill Stradley

Sent from my iPad

#5-6

Eula Lopez

From: Laurie Klein <winter135@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:51 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cyanide plant

I am writing to strongly object to the Cyanide Plant being approved to expand. I want to protect the public and the environment from this dangerous situation.

Laurie Klein
6081 Mounes St. #K314
River Ridge, LA 70123

Sent from my iPhone

#6-6

Eula Lopez

From: Pat Klein <patsyk310@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 6:28 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cyanide Plant

I am writing to strongly object to the Cyanide Plant being approved to expand. I want to protect the public and the environment from this dangerous situation.

Pat Klein
314 Citrus Road
River Ridge, LA 70123

Eula Lopez

7-6

From: mmess78@att.net
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 5:28 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cyanide plant and storage

Please vote No to a cyanide plant and/or storage. I believe the people have made their opinions clear. Look back at the outcry of the past year +.

Eula Lopez

#8-6

From: Outlook.com <robotqueen311@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:04 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cyanide plant and storage

I am apposed to having a cyanide plant in our parish because I believe it can expose our residents to unnecessary danger. Think of the possible catastrophe resulting from the passage of our not uncommon hurricanes. Please do not allow this so close to residents.

Mary M O'Neill
412 Stratford Drive
Harahan,La 70123

504-259-3275

Sent from my iPad

Eula Lopez

#9-6

From: Courtney Richard <courtney@anchor36.com>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 1:26 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cyanide plant & cyanide storage

I am a wife and mother of two and a long-time resident of River River. No one wants to live near a cyanide plant. No one wants to raise children near a cyanide plant. Please listen to your constituents and vote no on the Cyanide Plant!

Courtney Richard, President



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Eula Lopez

#10-6

From: Barbara Boner <bboner1@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:39 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Cyanide Plant & Cyanide Storage

Dear Jefferson Parish Council Members,

Please continue to protect the citizens of Jefferson Parish by voting against the cyanide plant & cyanide storage & vessel storage. This is an addition of 50 MILLION pounds of Cyanid per Year and is tax exempt! Offers minimal to no jobs to local residents, and yet Increases harmful pollutants into our environment. There is not a single benefit for the citizens in Jefferson Parish.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara Boner
1079 Colonial Club Drive
Harahan, LA 70123
504-579-4258

Sent from my iPhone

Eula Lopez

11-6

From: Johnny and Evelyn Riehm <johnnyandevelyn@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Eula Lopez
Subject: Regarding Expansion of Cyanide Plant

Our name is John and Evelyn Riehm, we live at 3 Ren Pass Ave, in Harahan.

We have many family members and friends that live in Waggaman, and we are concerned about how this expansion will affect the health and quality of life of the Residents.

We are also concerned about how the Cyanide plant could affect River Ridge, Harahan and Kenner especially if there was an accident or incident at the plant.

We are requesting the Jefferson Parish Council not to expand the Cyanide plant.

We are also requesting that you do not make your decision at a virtual meeting. Since this is such an important decision, will you please wait to address this in an open meeting so the Residents can appear before the Council to speak.

Thank you,

John and Evelyn Riehm

Eula Lopez

#12-6

From: Eula Lopez
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:46 AM
To: Ricky Templet; Scott A. Walker; Marion F. Edwards; Deano Bonano; Byron Lee; Dominick Impastato; Jennifer Van Vrancken
Cc: Brett Lawson; Keith Conley; Brian P. Grenrood; Ashley Ellis; Marc A. Burmaster; Terry Talamo; Angela Callais; Dwayne Munch; Pamela M. Watson; Mike Quigley; Jason Ural; Brenda Campos; Jeffrey Simno; Ann Cardwell; Carol Macera; Jeremy Dwyer; Deontrine Green; Tiffany Wilken; Michelle Artigues; Nelson Matthews; Paula Rojas; Sharon Anderson; Trudy Benoit; Wendy Bush; Kim Clasen; Brandy Danos; Cassie Callais; Ryan Brown; Dwann Wagner; Jillandra Johnson; Sheri Giovingo; Paris Vinnett; Austin Liberto
Subject: FW: Cyanide Plant

TO ALL COUNCILMEMBERS:
FYI

From: Frances Moser <uneworleans198@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:55 PM
To: Eula Lopez <ELopez@jeffparish.net>
Subject: Cyanide Plant

Hi,

My opinion will not be a popular one but please share with the Parish Counsel if you can.

I know that there is a lot of talk surrounding the new Cornerstone Cyanide Plant. It would be irresponsible and dangerous not to allow Cornerstone to build the new plant. From what I understand from NOLA.com, they currently are running a cyanide plant Cornerstone that is from 1953. A new plant will have better safety mechanisms in place and could be operated more efficiently. A plant that is too old runs the risk of natural wear and tear that could cause it to have releases. These releases could get more numerous as the plant continues to age and degrade. A new plant will also have the newest in technology to keep not only plant employees safe but the citizens of Jefferson Parish.

The greatest threat from Cornerstone is if Jefferson Parish rescinds Cornerstone's permit from having any cyanide plant at all. More accidents occur from the loading, unloading, and transport of hazardous material to/from the plants. Not only would you put people in Jefferson Parish at risk but every parish and city from where they are shipping cyanide from all the way to Cornerstone. You are not only putting the people immediately near the plant in a high risk zone but everyone along that route. You are adding more Jefferson Parish citizens to the risk zone than those immediately around the plant. Look at major chemical releases in the US. Most are from railcars transporting hazardous materials.

This is why I implore you to allow Cornerstone to build the new, safer cyanide plant.

Thank you,

Resident of Jefferson Parish