

DID YOU KNOW:

Fires are common at Plastics Recovery Facilities. Plastic is made from petroleum. Plastics fires produce toxic air emissions, public safety concerns and danger to first responders.

SO:

Is it a good idea to locate IRG's first-of- its-kind plastic waste processing facility in the middle of an Environmental Justice neighborhood in the City of Erie?

With this in mind, here are some important questions that need to be asked.

What do the citizens of Erie get from the plastics plant?

- ✓ 50 jobs
- ✓ No tax revenues. IRG will pay no City, County or School taxes for 10 years.
- ✓ A huge increase in daily 24/7 tractor-trailer truck traffic on Erie streets and roads

What will wealthy corporate and private investors get from the plastics plant?

- ✓ A seven-year tax-sheltered investment for their profits.
- ✓ A questionable business opportunity in the uncertain future of recycled plastics.
- ✓ A reputation for pushing profits ahead of public safety.

What happens to all the plastic waste that cannot be recycled?

- ✓ IRG says it plans to wash, sort, and flake the unrecyclable plastic waste and ship it 40 miles by barge across Lake Erie to Canada to be burned as Polycoke in a steel mill in Nanticoke Ontario.

How much water will be used to wash 500 million pounds of plastic waste and what happens to the contaminated wastewater?

How will hosting a 26-acre plastic trash sorting and processing facility in the heart of the city affect the important tourist industry in Erie?

Will local builders and suppliers be employed to construct this \$150 million dollar plant or will it be out-of-town companies?

Will Canada allow plastic waste to be shipped across Lake Erie and burned in a steel factory forty miles from Erie City?

Is burning plastic waste material good for the environment?

What will IRG do to protect our community against serious accidents, fire damages, toxic air and water pollution?

Where will the IRG plastic waste collection, washing, sorting and flaking facility be located? The neighborhood boundaries:

- ✓ East 6th Street on the NORTH
- ✓ East 10th Street on the SOUTH
- ✓ Gilson Street on the WEST
- ✓ Downing Street on the EAST

What vulnerable populations live, work and play near the proposed IRG plastic waste processing facility?

- ✓ The Boys and Girls Club
- ✓ R. Benjamin Wiley Community Charter School
- ✓ Edison Elementary School
- ✓ The Child Development Center
- ✓ East Middle School
- ✓ B.N.I. Senior Center
- ✓ John E Horan Apartments
- ✓ The A.N.N.A. Shelter