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RE: Severstal Dearborn Permit Application No. 182-05C

Dear Ms. Dolehanty,

The League of Women Voters of Michigan has been raising awareness of harmful pollutants like industrial carbon, lead, mercury and other air toxins that create a growing threat to the health of children and seniors. Air pollution damages people's health and causes premature death, particularly in children, the elderly and people with chronic health problems. Air pollution causes or contributes to serious lung diseases, cancer, neurological defects, heart disease and other health problems.

The League supports:

- Regulation of pollution sources by control and penalties;
- Inspection and monitoring;
- Full disclosure of pollution data;
- Incentives to accelerate pollution control;
- Vigorous enforcement mechanisms, including sanctions on businesses that do not comply and fines for noncompliance.

The Federal government sets pollution control standards, with the state authorized to be more protective. Federal standards have not been set for all pollutants, and we await proposed rules for carbon in the coming months. We rely on your Department to enforce state rules in a timely manner.

We are very concerned about the cumulative effects of multiple permits in the Dearborn area.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Susan Smith, President
League of Women Voters of Michigan