

TO: Department of Environmental Quality
House Committee on Energy and Environment

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RE: HB 3372 Support

On behalf of Bridgeton Neighborhood Association, the Clean & Green Team supports passing House Bill 3372.

We recognize that the DEQ is unable to curb chronic polluters like NW Metals. As you know, the NW Metals facility was the site of a devastating fire that burned homes, drove residents into emergency rooms, killed family pets and caused over \$2 million in damages. Now, they've moved to a new site in order to simply apply for a new permit. Despite unpaid fines and a long list of previous violations, we understand that the polluter's history cannot come into their permit approval decision process.

This kind of legislation will directly address that issue, mandating that polluters submit their past violations with new permit applications. It will then allow the DEQ to consider this history when deciding on permits for repeat offenders. It would mean that chronic polluters like NW Metals could be curtailed and forced to clean up their business.

Thank you for approving HB 3372 in your committee.

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