

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE FOR ANDERSON NC

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Is the Government of North Carolina prepared to issue a state permit for a pollutant industry into a predominately Black community, when 93% of the households are overburdened with serious pre-existing health issues? In the middle of COVID-19 Pandemic? In the middle of an health crisis for Black Americans?

Tiny particles infiltrate our lungs, causing the heart and lung diseases that we know make COVID-19 more deadly.

There is consistent scientific evidence that particulate pollution is linked to early death due to lung disease, heart attacks, strokes, asthma and cancer. And having air pollution related heart and lung diseases increases the risk of dying from the novel coronavirus.* **The very same pre-existing illnesses documented in 93% of the black homes in Anderson, NC.**

Governor Cooper, will you allow the NCDEQ to continue to retain the outdated standard for particulate pollution, set nearly a decade ago, despite the fact that federal agencies research, data and studies demonstrates that this standard is inadequate to protect public health?

We ask again, "Really North Carolina?" Are you going to approve an Air Quality permit for a hazardous industry, in an already overburdened black community; in the middle of a life threatening, lung related health crisis for black North Carolinian's?

STOP Pollutant Industry's permit in low wealth, overburdened, predominately black communities until the SCIENCE can be done! Until after the NCDHHS and other Scientific Agency's can do a "in-depth and conclusive" health assessment. COVID-19 is tried and true indisputable evidence that there is a Health Crisis for Black American's.

Can We Count On You Governor Cooper? BEFORE THE ELECTION'S?

Let Governor Roy Cooper's legacy be **"Black Lives do Matter in North Carolina!"**

Anderson Community Group, Caswell County, NC ~ NCDAQ Air Permit No. 10628R00

*EPA U.S. EPA. Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter (Final Report). U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC, EPA/600/R-08/139F, 2009.. American Lung Assoc. Particulate Pollution. Wu et al, Exposure to air pollution and COVID-19 mortality in the US. A nationwide cross-sectional study (Harvard University School of Public Health 2020) Covid-19 PM 2.5 Harvard University. NY TIMES April 17, 2020 <http://www.nytimes.com/2020/04/08/climate/coronavirus-pollution-race.html> New Research Links Air Pollution to Higher Coronavirus Death Rates, <https://www.who.int/airpollution/ambient/health-impacts/en/> WHO Ambient Air Pollution - Health Impacts.