

THIS MONTH IN EAST PHILLIPS & MIDTOWN...

WHAT IS THE NEW CUMULATIVE IMPACTS LAW?

*Thank you to the Environmental Initiative for the information below.

What is the Frontline Communities Protection Act?

Last spring, lawmakers passed the Frontline Communities Protection Act to reduce pollution in designated environmental justice areas located in the Twin Cities, Duluth, and Rochester. Under this Act, facilities seeking new or expanded air permits must conduct a cumulative impact analysis. This analysis considers the facility's emissions and nearby past and present pollution sources. If the facility's pollution is found to cause a "substantial adverse impact," the permit can be denied or the facility can enter into a community benefit agreement.

What is rulemaking?

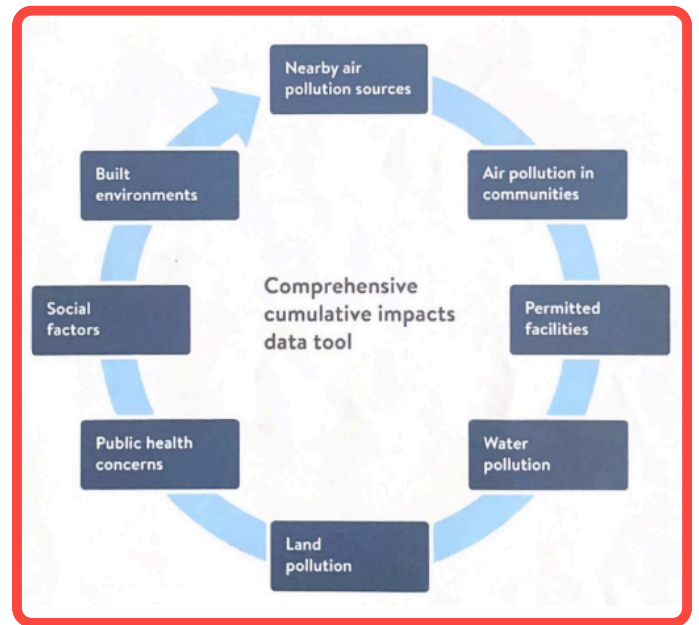
The law is still in rulemaking, meaning that many details and elements still must be defined, and the law is currently not in effect. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is holding community discussions to get input on questions like:

- How do you define "Substantial Adverse Impact?"
- What should be included in the cumulative impacts analysis?
- What is included in a community benefit agreement?
- When is a cumulative impact analysis required?

Cumulative Impacts Working Session on July 10th

The MPCA held a working session on July 10th in St. Paul. The MPCA asked the community "What data should we prioritize in our cumulative impact assessment?" They provided us with this graphic:

The MPCA provided examples for each of these impacts. The question posed by the MPCA is difficult to answer for two reasons: each environmental justice community requires a unique set of data analyses, and many of the impacts listed interact with each other, making them important to consider them holistically.



The MPCA is just in the initial stages of their process, and your voice can help create the cumulative impacts criteria. All of the Phillips neighborhoods (Midtown, East, West, and Ventura Village) will be impacted by this law.

Get involved in the PCA's discussion or reach out to us for more information and resources: info@eastphillips.org

MOSAIC MONDAYS IN MIDTOWN

The Semilla Center located in St. Paul Lutheran Church (2742 15th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55407) in Midtown Phillips hosts Monday Mosaic nights. Semilla teaches mosaic techniques, and folks are welcome to bring their own art projects to work on. Come make art in community.

¡Los mosaicos han vuelto a Semilla! Tendremos Lunes de Mosaico y Estudio Abierto todos los lunes de 6 a 8 pm. Enseñaremos tecnicas de mosaico o puedes traer tus propios proyectos de arte para trabajar. ¡Pasemos un rato en el estudio de Semilla y trabajemos juntos en comunidad!

DO YOU HAVE A PROJECT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE SUPPORT ON? REACH OUT TO US!



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