

Concrete Evidence of a Double Standard

Sunday, February 10, 2008; B06

Another blow has been struck against working-class communities that are struggling to protect their environment, as detailed by Edmonston Mayor Adam Ortiz and Cedar Heights Civic Association President Charles Gallion ["Another Inconvenient Truth," Close to Home, Jan. 27]. On Jan. 30, a zoning hearing examiner approved an exception to permit yet another concrete plant adjacent to Cedar Heights and near Fairmount Heights and Cheverly.

[Prince George's County](#) has not studied the health effects of concrete dust, but residents can tell you that it covers their homes and cars, as it has for years, and that asthma cases have increased. They can tell you that trucks rumbling through the community at all hours disrupt their ability to sleep and to enjoy any peace and quiet.

The examiner saw fit to ignore the part of the report filed by the Prince George's County Health Department that specifically recommended "that any decision on the special exception be deferred until air emissions can be estimated, recommendations can be made to mitigate truck traffic by MDE [[Maryland Department of the Environment](#)], and air monitoring can be obtained, analyzed, and evaluated."

What gives corporations and their political friends the right to ignore the lives and health of people in our communities? This environmental injustice would not happen in [Bethesda](#).

MADELEINE GOLDE

Co-Chair, Environmental Committee

Progressive Cheverly

Cheverly

LILLIE THOMPSON MARTIN

President

Fairmount Heights Civic Association

Fairmount Heights

Post a Comment

[View all comments](#) that have been posted about this article.

Add a comment (max 5000 characters)

Submit

Comments that include profanity or personal attacks or other inappropriate comments or material will be removed from the site. Additionally, entries that are unsigned or contain "signatures" by someone other than the actual author will be removed. Finally, we will take steps to block users who violate any of our posting standards, terms of use or privacy policies or any other policies governing this site. Please review the [full rules](#) governing commentaries and discussions. You are fully responsible for the content that you post.

Ads by Google

National Harbor Condos

New Waterfront Condos at Pre- Construction Prices - Nate Arnold
www.ProspertyThroughPlanning.com

Smoke School

Visible Emission Evaluator Training Nationwide, Federally Audited
Compliance-Assurance.com

EdenPURE - Air Purifiers

Remove Airborne & Surface Pollution Works 4 Ways to Sanitize & Freshen
www.BerryBestHealth.com