

## Considerations against methane plants in Louisville's urban neighborhood

Low-income and POC communities always viewed/used as dumping ground (see current industrial zoning)

### **Cheap/available properties in vulnerable neighborhoods make clearing for ½ mile or ¼ mile distances doable (and disruptive) for methane plant dumping grounds**

There are presently **no rules or limits for methane plant inputs**; although backers seduced many with food and distiller waste narratives, chemically treated products (including poop) are possible

½ mile and ¼ mile as allowable distances are being pulled from the air, not from science

Should not be in urban areas; definitively not outside M-3 zones

Undue accommodation is being made for private partnerships and profit---not the public good

If public good was paramount, methane plant would be put where maximum methane is produced---the landfill

Louisville private partnerships, facilitated by government, are pursuing private profit centers with multiple income streams rather than non-toxic, no-risk solar energy

Environmentalists support a risky technology in other people's neighborhoods, so that Star Energy can sell renewable energy credits to give high polluters a green light to keep polluting

Industrial residents already suffer; they need relief not more industry with risk

There are safety risks inherent in methane production (what about fugitive emissions?)

There are quality of life issues for residents within zoned areas (health, safety, security)

There are unknown future consequences via reproductive impacts on zoned residents

There is overall damage to Louisville aesthetics repellent to potential businesses where zoned

Taxpayers will subsidize negative impacts to health and safety regardless of location

Methane plants have to be fed 24/7---German farmers are growing crops for methane plants not people; this is like Amazonians cutting down trees in the rainforest for fuel---one is no more ignorant than the other. Why would KY farmers go for methane's cash crops over the uncertainty of feeding folks in a fickle economy?(See Spiegel Online 8/21, 29, 30, 2012)

Methane plants will contribute nothing to address high unemployment, gun violence and addiction---all with consequences coming to a neighborhood near you.

Solar energy is non-toxic, no-risk, sustainable, renewable and offers training and employment opportunities for now and for the future. It is a good way to get bad boys and bored girls environmentally conscious and skilled.