

## French, Chris

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**Subject:** FW: Case No. 22-MCUP-0001 - Various addresses on Metal Lane & River Road

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**From:** Kim S <kimeswenson@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2023 9:24 AM

**To:** French, Chris <Christopher.French@louisvilleky.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Case No. 22-MCUP-0001 - Various addresses on Metal Lane & River Road

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Chris,

Got it. Thanks again!

RMR has proven they are indeed capable of incident reduction.

I wish we had a true way of monitoring the Combustion Incident Reduction Plan / number of incidents once per year.

It would be great to have a log of incidents by date from River Metals to compare to the ones we capture. I think the benefit to this extra case on the docket for the board would be that there would be a continuous feeling of "eyes on" for RMR.

I started a log after the last meeting that includes date/time photos of each item listed which I did not include in the email (big file to zip).

I appreciate the time and work the board has put into this. I do realize this case is a lot to bear.

Would you kindly pass my thoughts along to the board?

Thank you again,

Kim

Date	DOW	Time	Level	Temperature	Water Level
Jan 23, 2023	Monday	-	High	-	31.73 ft
Feb 13, 2023	Monday	7:37 AM	Med	34 degrees	17.10 ft

Feb 15, 2023	Wednesday	7:35 AM	Med+	59 degrees	17,0 ft
Feb 18, 2023	Saturday	7:50 AM	Med	25 degrees	35.41
Feb 22, 2023	Wednesday	8:23 AM	High	62 degrees	16.9
		8:46 AM	Med	64 degrees	16.8
		9:19 AM	Small	66 degrees	16.8
Feb 24, 2023	Friday	3:36 PM	Med	46 degrees	12.8

On Mon, Feb 27, 2023 at 8:27 AM French, Chris <[Christopher.French@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Christopher.French@louisvilleky.gov)> wrote:

The conditions are direct excerpts from the approved minutes for both meetings. March 7, the Board removed condition 5 and kept the other 4. On March 18, the Board added conditions 1-3 to the conditions listed on the March 7 minutes. So, all 8 conditions are applicable to this conditional use permit.

**Chris French, AICP**

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Planning & Design Services

Department of Develop Louisville

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**From:** Kim S <[kimeswenson@gmail.com](mailto:kimeswenson@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, February 24, 2023 5:13 PM

**To:** French, Chris <[Christopher.French@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Christopher.French@louisvilleky.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Case No. 22-MCUP-0001 - Various addresses on Metal Lane & River Road

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Chris,

Thank you! Your time is very much appreciated.

I read the attached and just need to verify I interpreted it correctly please...

(Per below). Are the four items mentioned under March 7, 2011 plus the three items mentioned under June 18, 2012 considered to be all conditions of the Conditional Use Permit?

Kim

## March 7, 2011 Conditions of Approval

The conditions are as follows in addition to the previously approved conditions of approval: 1. Screening along River Road.

1. (a) Landscaping materials shall be planted along the River Road frontage of the site in accordance with the Article 12/Tree Compliance Plan (the "Landscape Plan") marked approved August 3, 1998, by Jonathan D. Henney.
2. (b) To the extent landscaping does not presently conform to the Landscaping Plan, installation of new, conforming landscaping is required. Applicant agrees to substitute any plant materials shown on the Landscape Plan with plant materials recommended by River Fields, Inc. provided that the Planning Commission Landscape Architect concurs. All new plantings shall conform to the Land Development Code Chapter 10.

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(c) Weather permitting, all live landscaping materials shall be installed no later than June 12, 2011, although the DPDS landscape architect may extend the time for installation for reasonable cause.

(d) Applicant agrees to maintain all landscape materials shown on the Landscape Plan in healthy condition, including all trees. Maintenance includes, but is not limited to; appropriate watering for plant and tree success, trimming of dead limbs, mulching and removal of invasive species and vines. Applicant shall replace any dead trees within three (3) months of a tree's demise, weather permitting, but in no event more than five (5) months.

2. Cleaning of Metal Lane. Applicant agrees, on an as-needed-basis, to clean dust and debris (1) from Metal Lane at its intersection with River Road, and (2) on Metal Lane within 180 feet of the River Road right-of-way line.
3. The site shall be developed in strict compliance with the approved development plan (including all notes thereon). No further development shall occur on the site without prior review and approval by the Board.
4. The Dust Control Plan submitted by the applicant shall be implemented (under Tab 4 of the applicant's booklet dated March 2, 2011 ).
5. ~~The time of construction of the proposed sound barrier wall and building shall commence within 120 days from the approval date.~~

## June 18, 2012 Conditions of Approval

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Modified Conditional Use Permit is hereby APPROVED with the previously approved conditions of approval (COAs) with the exception of COA #5 from the March 7, 2011 public hearing and with the additional COAs submitted today by the applicant with a change made by Member Grisanti.

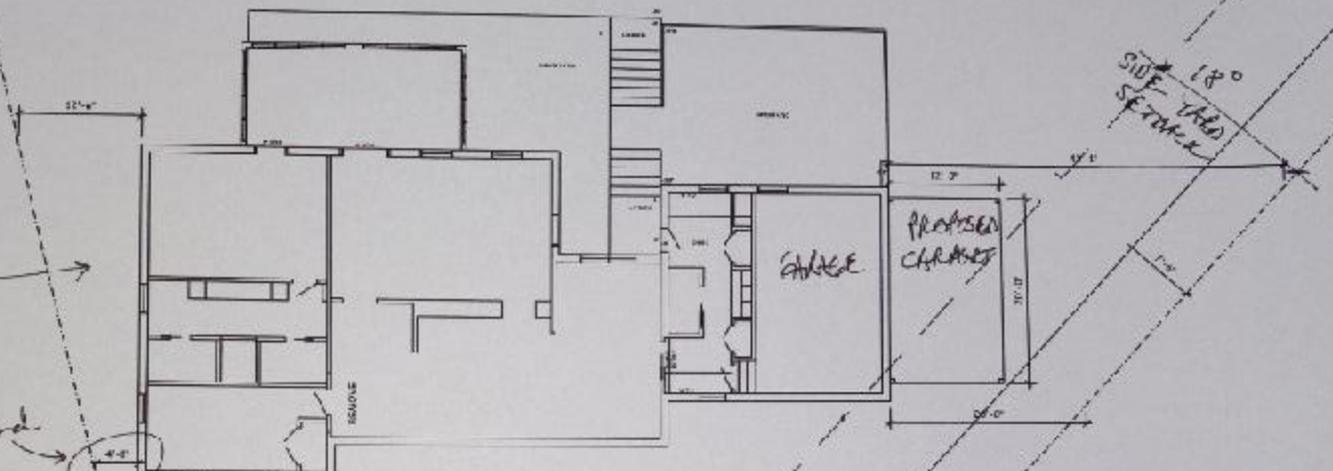
The conditions are as follows:

1. The Applicant/Owner shall implement the Combustion Incident Reduction Plan ("CIRP") last revised on 8/31/10.
2. The requirement to build a sound barrier wall at this time shall be suspended indefinitely as long as the explosions are kept to a minimum level satisfactory to the Louisville Metro Board of Zoning Adjustment ("BOZA").

3. If adjacent property owners or lessees of property owners or any other persons affected by the explosions in the area believes the number of explosions to be excessive, they can request BOZA to hold a public hearing; a public hearing shall then be scheduled, and the Board shall determine from the evidence whether the sound barrier wall must be constructed.



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 What is  
 Setback  
 @ Side yard



$22 - 4 = 18'$   
 needed on  
 right side

CAWLEY RESIDENCE  
 3721 EDMOND LANE

Ave Del Prince  
 From →

2/15/22

CULDISAC

SITE PLAN  
 $1/16" = 1'-0"$

PROPERTY LINE

Zoned R3  
 Form District - NEIGHBORHOOD

SETBACKS:  
 Front = 30'  
 REAR = 25'

PROBLEM: → SIDE YARD = 22' total  
 7.5' min  
 with house angled to PL - what is EXIST. setback @ side

February 10, 2022

Dear Committee Members:

I want to summarize the impact of the on-going explosions at River Metals Recycling, 2045 River Road, Louisville, Kentucky on the residents across the Ohio river in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

While my ability to gather impact statements was minimized due to COVID and winter weather, please find attached impact statements from 30 residents in Jeffersonville.

Responses vary as per the habits of people being at their home during the day, but as you read over these statements you will notice the same concerns are mentioned by most:

Ground vibration: Houses are shaken, windows rattled, pictures knocked off walls and things knocked off tables. Residents report cracks in walls, tiles, brick and mortar, and foundations.

Air quality: Impact to our health is a concern. There is smell of burnt metal and ash like debris on outdoor patios.

Noise: Loud. Scares all, including children and pets. Explosions interrupt the sleep of many since explosions begin at 6:30 am. Also, some work 3rd shift and must sleep during the day. Children are startled and awakened from naps. Our seniors are unable to rest. Disruptive to folks working from home.

Smoke and sometimes flames are visible after an explosion.

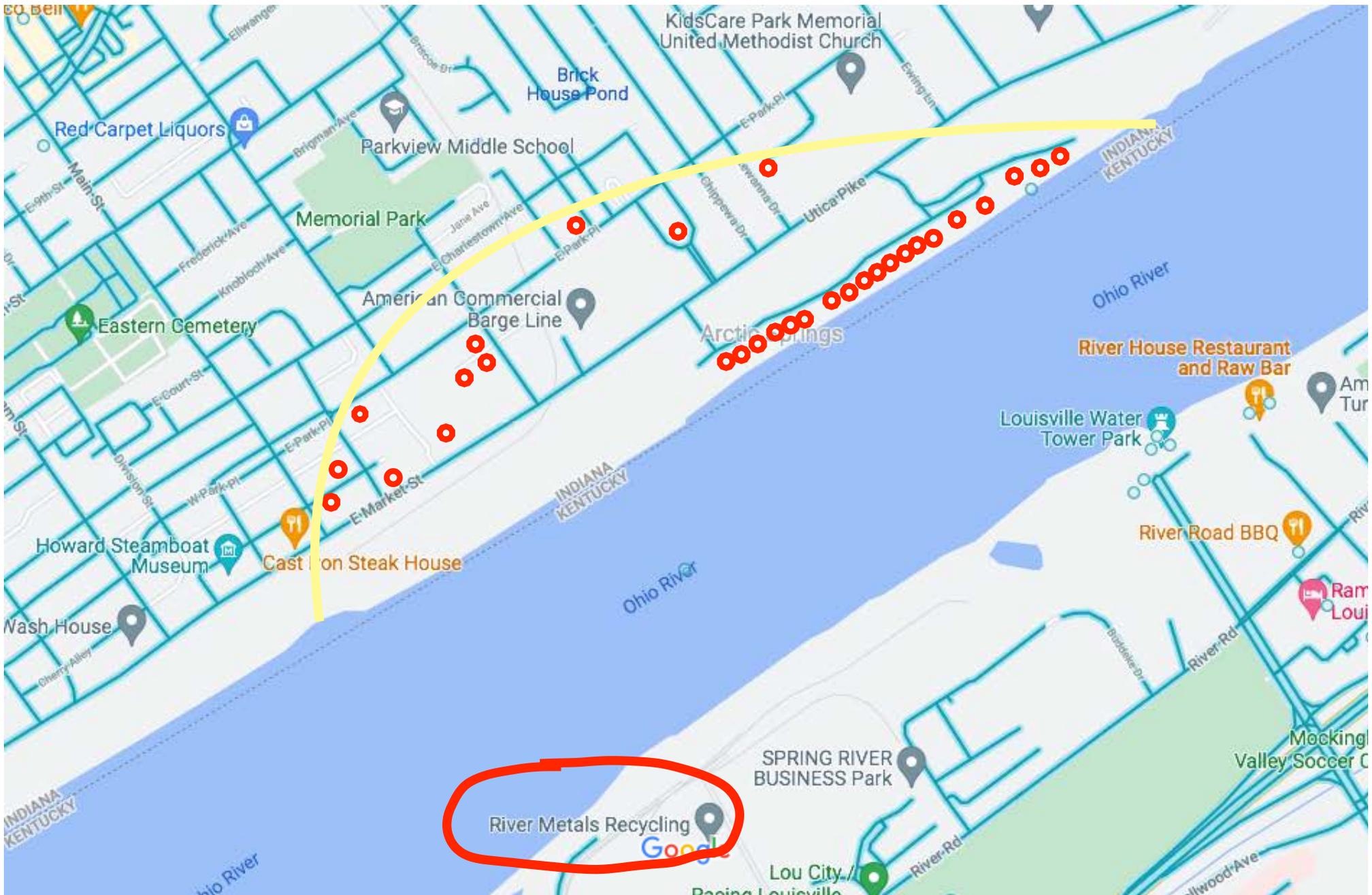
Explosions have been on-going. There have been several very large explosions in January, 2022.

Please find the attached map showing the home locations of those whose impact statements I was able to gather. Consider this area encompasses about 200 homes and a few businesses in Jeffersonville.

We ask you stop this intrusion on our right to peacefully enjoy our homes, cease the costly damages caused to our homes, and cease the producing of chemicals from burning metal that we must breathe while at our homes.

Sincerely,

Kim Swenson  
13 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130



Statements from Residents of Jeffersonville:

Printed Name: <sup>Mrs.</sup> LUDIM VALDEZ

Printed Address: 1501 UTICA PIKE  
JEFFERSONVILLE INDIANA 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

WE LIVE ON UTICA PIKE DIRECTLY ACROSS THE RIVER FROM THE RECYCLING PLANT. THE NOISE AND EXPLOSIONS IMPACT US DIRECTLY. SOME OF MY FAMILY WORK THE GRAVEYARD SHIFT AND THESE EXPLOSIONS ARE SO LOUD THEY SHAKE OUR HOUSE AND SOUND LIKE A CAR ACCIDENT HAS OCCURED IN OUR DRIVEWAY.

I FEEL THAT A RECYCLING PLANT (OR ANY BUSINESS) THAT REQUIRES USING EXPLOSIVES AND NOISE NEEDS TO BE MOVED AWAY FROM RESIDENTIAL AREAS ENTIRELY.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

YES! THIS IS A MAJOR PROBLEM AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED NOISE POLLUTION

Signature: Ludim Valdez Date: 1/31/2022

Printed Name: Shane & Chrissy Calkin

Printed Address: 213 Jackson St. Jeffersonville, IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

They shake our house. They have knocked items off our walls. They wake us up & our child. They cause car alarms to go off. Scare our dogs, they shake & bark after the boom occurs.

What are they having explosions? Its a recycling plant. The explosions seem to be unnecessary.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

They have been on going daily since I moved here 3 years ago. I thought it was from the sewer project. It seems to be more noticeable the last 2 years and happen more in the morning.

Signature: Shane Calk

Date: 2/1/22

Printed Name: JACK & SUSAN VISSINT

Printed Address: 21 BLANCHETT TERRACE

JEFFERSONVILLE IN 47130

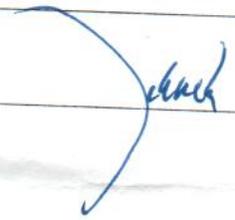
How are explosions impacting you and your property?

I HAVE LIVED HERE SINCE 1978. JEFF BOAT WAS A  
PROBLEM WITH ELECTRONIC RECEPTION PROBLEMS AND  
OCCASIONAL NOISE FROM MOVING PARTS. THIS IS DIFFERENT.  
MORE NOISE AND NO RESPECT FOR PEOPLE TRYING TO SLEEP.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

YES. DURING BOAT JEFF BOAT.  
THAT WAS NOT BAD.  
NOW MY HOUSE SHAKES !!!

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 2/2/22



Kim S &lt;kimeswenson@gmail.com&gt;

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**Re: River Metals Recycling**

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**Ronald Repp** <reppron@gmail.com>  
To: Kim Swenson <kimeswenson@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 7:08 PM

Interesting. I live right across the river from them. I can often see the flames of the burns but I have never heard an explosion.. Thanks for taking this on.

On Mon, Feb 7, 2022, 4:15 PM Kim Swenson <kimeswenson@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you very much for your response.

I can see the explosion flames and smoke at River City Recycling from my home when I look after the noise and shaking.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 7, 2022, at 8:07 AM, Ronald Repp <reppron@gmail.com> wrote:

Note: If you are hearing explosions they may be coming from the quarry which is adjacent to the recycling operation.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Ronald Repp** <reppron@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 7:58 AM

Subject: River Metals Recycling

To: <kimeswenson@gmail.com>

Sorry for the late reply. Otherwise occupied with health issues.

I really don't have a problem with their noise (probably dumping metal into barges, not explosions) but I do have a problem with their daily open burning, despite local ordinances prohibiting it. Our house is regularly the recipient of a large quantity of white ash, which covers everything indoors. Their open burn usually starts between 6AM and 7AM and continues for about an hour.

Ron Repp  
119 E High St  
Jeffersonville



Kim S <kimeswenson@gmail.com>

**Fwd: Explosions**

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**Kirk Swenson** <kirk@labelsp.com>

To: Kim Swenson <kimeswenson@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 31, 2022 at 2:15 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** William Keeney <wkeeney06@gmail.com>

**Date:** January 31, 2022 at 9:40:37 AM EST

**To:** "Swenson, Kirk" <Kirk@labelsp.com>

**Subject:** Explosions

*140 E High Street  
Jeffersville IN 47130-4416*

Kirk... We are in Florida for awhile but we do hear booms every once in awhile I think from the scrap yard. Heard before those are propane tanks going thru the grinder. Bill

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Printed Name: Carl J Poff

Printed Address: 123 E Park Place  
125 E Park Place

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

I own both properties listed above  
I hear loud booming noises almost daily  
because I work at home.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Recently it sounds like a building  
is being demolished w/loud booming sound  
waves

Signature: Carl J Poff . Date: 2/1/22

Printed Name: Sandra + Bobby Phillips

Printed Address: 319 E Park Place  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

We note 2-3 of these explosions a week,  
mostly noticed in early AM. Our windows  
rattle etc. While we have not experienced  
actual damage to our home that we know  
about so far, it disturbs our early morning  
sleep and peace of this quiet time of the  
day.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Yes they are ongoing and yes we have  
noticed an increase for the past year.

Signature: Sandra Phillips . Date: 2-2-22

Printed Name: Cory Huffman

Printed Address: 321 E Park Pl

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Occasional loud boom, followed by a vibration. First time it happened, I thought a car had hit our home. These loud "booms" have seemingly become more frequent.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Moved here in '14. First one I remember was in Spring of '14 I think. Used to be sporadic, but frequency has picked up.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 2-1-22

Printed Name: Michelle Wanzer

Printed Address: 216 Kewanna  
Jeffersonville IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Noise is startling  
Sometimes foundation of house shakes

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Ongoing  
Occasional

Signature:  Date: 2/1/22

Printed Name: VENETIA LACY

Printed Address: 403 HOWELL AVE.  
JEFFERSONVILLE, IND 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

I hear them during the day. The explosions rattle my windows, shake my walls, and scare both my dogs and me. How I know it's affecting my walls/home is because shortly after the blasts - some of the pictures I have hung on my interior walls are tilted. The blasts are loud and startle me often. In the past, they didn't seem to occur very often however since I'm been working from home for the past two years it is now obvious to me, this is an event that happens on a regular basis.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

It's been an on-going issue since I moved here - I blamed Jeff Boat for some of it however when they went out of business - I still had the same issues - so it wasn't only Jeff Boat causing the upheaval in my home.

Signature:

Venetia Lacy

Date:

02/05/22

Printed Name: Anthony Black

Printed Address: 9 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersonville IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Only GOD knows what  
it's really doing to the "stabilization"  
of our properties. Companys like this  
I believe unearh Sink Holes, that normally  
would never be unearthed. I spent 30,000  
on my River Walls because they ~~are~~ erosion,  
With alot of help from this company...  
All they have to do is drain the GAS  
before Crushing, I think they do it for fun.  
"Stabilization"  
"Keep ground firm and stable, keep  
from changing"

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Yes

I dont have to hear it, I can feel it.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: Kyle & Brenda Fisher

Printed Address: 10 Arctic Springs Dr  
Jeffersonville, In 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

They Startle us and Scare the pets & grandkids  
We have drywall cracks and cracked bricks & Mortar

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

There were 3 Explosions Monday and 2 yesterday  
A definite Increase

Signature: Kyle Fisher . Date: 2-2-2022

Printed Name: NORMAN NEZELKEWICZ

Printed Address: 11 ARCTIC SPRINGS  
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Early morning explosions (6AM-8AM) disturb sleep. Property effects include vibration that may account for cracks in walls. Aside from explosions, the scrapyard metal shredding/processing noise begins very early in the day and continues throughout the day. Obviously that impacts enjoyment of the property.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

There doesn't seem to be a pattern to occurrence of explosions.

Signature: Norman Nezelkewicz Date: 2/4/2022  
John Martin 2/4/22

Printed Name: Rob Lawyer

Printed Address: 12 Arctic Springs  
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How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Shake the house

Scare the crap out of me

Start the dogs barking

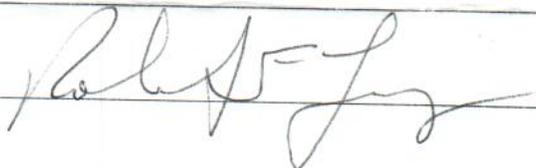
Interrupt sleep when they occur early - before sunrise

Flying shrapnel concern both at my house  
and if boating

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Yes they are an ongoing issue

No, haven't noticed any increase recently

Signature:  Date: 2 Feb 2022

Printed Name: Kim and Kirk Swenson

Printed Address: 13 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersville IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?  
Startling! House shakes, ^ <sup>my brand new</sup> Windows Rattle.  
Cracks noticed in wall. Smell of burning  
metal. Smoke filled air. Sometimes see  
flames when look down river at RMR facility.  
Soot on deck & outdoor furniture.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?  
Ongoing. Several very big explosions in January 2022.

Signature: Kim Swenson, Kirk Swenson Date: 2/5/2022



Printed Name: Robert T Ehringer

Printed Address: 15 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersonville IN 47130

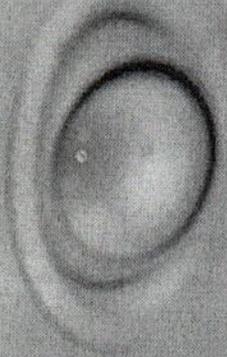
How are explosions impacting you and your property?

cracks in drywall & ceiling  
upsets pets  
wakes you up AT All hours  
The smell of the fluid vapors are  
nauseous and are NOT healthy

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

yes ongoing but seem to be happening  
with more frequency

Signature:  Date: 1/31/22



↑  
ceiling  
crack

Printed Name: Kevin + Karen Rogers

Printed Address: 25 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Some explosions have been strong enough  
to shake our house. Very frightening  
when it happens.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Multiple times a week. Loud  
enough to wake you up. Happens  
early in morning. Going on for a  
long time.

Signature: K Rogers . Date: 1/30/2022

Printed Name: VIRGINIA JO TAYLOR

Printed Address: 25 1/2 ARCTIC SPGS.  
JEFF. IN. 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

IN THE PAST, WE NOTICED CRACKS  
IN THE FIRE PLACE AND ADJACENT  
WALL. THE EXPLOSION CAUSED A  
PICTURE TO FALL AND BREAK.

THE NOISE IS SO LOUD AND MAKES ME  
VERY EDGY!

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

THEY HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR A  
LONG TIME, I'M HOME MORE OFTEN  
NOW, SO THEY SEEM TO HAPPEN  
QUITE FREQUENTLY!

Signature: Virginia Jo Taylor

Date: 2-1-2022

Printed Name: Lisa Green

Printed Address: 27 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersonville IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Always surprised when the

windows don't shatter.

All explosions can shake the  
house.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

They are an ongoing issue

Sometimes they happen later in the day  
& we are not home.

Signature: Lisa Green

Date: 2-8-2022

Printed Name: DAVID J REINHART

Printed Address: 28 Arctic Springs  
JEFFERSONVILLE TN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

We have lived in Arctic Springs since summer of 2019. We began noticing the explosions from across the river right away. The disturbance is variable, but I would say almost every day.

It seems that they are getting louder and more frequent. There was a particularly loud one last week at about 7 AM. Loud enough to wake you in bed, and sometimes you jump at the sound if already up.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

This is our third year in Arctic Springs - it has been that long, at least, and it does seem to be more frequent & louder.

Signature: David Reinhart Date: 31 JAN 2022

Printed Name: MICHAEL and MARIANNE COYLE

Printed Address: 29 ARCTIC SPRINGS  
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

WAKES US UP  
SHAKES FOUNDATION  
SHAKES DISHES IN CABINETS  
DEPENDING ON WIND DIRECTION THERE IS A  
GRAINY SOOT ON OUTDOOR FURNITURE AND BOATS.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

ON going, but DEFINETLY MORE FREQUENT  
TO ADAILY BASIS.

Signature Marianne Coyle Date: 1-1-22  
Michael Coyle

Printed Name: Roberta Hammond - Michelle Darling

Printed Address: 31 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersonville, IN. 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

The whole house shakes. Creates new  
cracks in tile. Have to straighten pictures,  
and things fall from shelves. Wakes you  
from sleep.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

on-going.

Signature: Roberta Hammond  
Michelle Darling . Date: 2-1-22

Printed Name: BARBARA BENDER

Printed Address: 35 ARCTIC SPRINGS  
JEFFERSONVILLE IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

- 1) WAKING UP - SOMETIMES @ 6:30 AM
- 2) CRACKS IN THE WALLS
- 3) ITEMS ~~MOVE~~ - DISHES RATTLE
- 4) MIRRORS AND PICTURES HANG UN EVEN OPEN AFTER EXPLOSIONS.
- 5) COMPANY IS SHOCKED THAT SUCH A THING HAPPENS UNCHECKED.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

ON-GOING ISSUE - OFTEN I  
EVEN GO OUT WITH MY  
BINOCULARS TO LOOK AT THE  
EXPANDING CLOUD OF SMOKE AND  
CAN SEE THE FLAMES. P.S: @ 9:AM

TUES  
02-01

Signature: Barbara Bender Date: 02-01-2022

THAT WAS A RATTLING EXPLOSION THIS AM ATER I FILLED THIS FORM OUT, FELT THE FLOOR SHAKE B

Printed Name: Jeff Frey and Jill Hedges

Printed Address: 36 Arctic Springs

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Yes - several times during the day the entire house receives a blow and shakes so that the windows rattle. One hears a boom before the house feels like it was hit.

Also on many instances you just hear a loud thud and some shaking, leading you to believe something has been delivered or dropped heavily at the door - but of course nothing is there - it just creates a feeling of being unsafe as you are always checking to see if something dropped onto the house. They have a general impact of increasing anxiety, ~~and~~ and prevents us from the quiet enjoyment of our home.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

They seem to increase lately. I am working at home and have noticed an increase in explosions lately.

Signature: Jill Hedges  
Jeffrey Hedges

Date: Feb 5, 2022

Printed Name: FRANCES M EVOLA

Printed Address: 36 1/4 ARCTIC SPRINGS  
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

They are startling and shake the house at times.  
My dog bark sometimes.  
When I have guests, I have to warn them  
so they don't worry too much.  
I have concerns also about what chemicals  
are being disbursed into the air as we  
are downwind normally.  
I wonder if any of the cracks in our walls  
are caused by the impact of the explosions.  
It's pretty drastic when the ground shakes.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

The explosions happen regularly.

Signature: Fran Evola . Date: 1/31/27

Printed Name: Kelli Havens

Printed Address: 40 Arctic Springs  
Jfb

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Things falling off chests  
pictures always moving

grand child is scared

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

yes

Signature: Kelli Havens . Date: 2/4/22

Printed Name: Steve + Debra Schubert

Printed Address: 44 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

These explosions are extremely  
invasive and intrusive. They wake  
us up early morning and during nap  
time. They scare you, as it feels like  
something has crashed into our home.  
The house shakes & the windows rattle.  
We have noticed cracks in the  
drywall but have fear of foundation  
issue as well as problems with  
gas and water lines.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

We have been in our home for 8  
years and have seen a severe  
increase in the # of explosions.

Signature:

Steve Schubert  
Debra Schubert

Date:

1/31/22  
1/31/22

Printed Name: Mike & Jaimie Moore

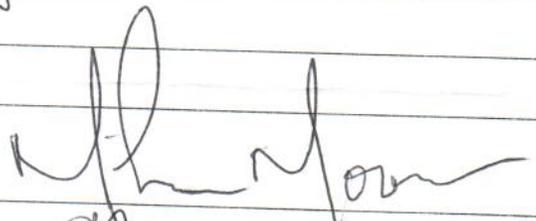
Printed Address: 52 Arctic Springs

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Very loud & shakes the house.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Explosions have existed since we moved here in August 2018.

Signature:   
Jaimie Moore

Date: 1-30-22  
1.30.22

Printed Name: MARTHA BLEICH

Printed Address: 67 ARCTIC SPRINGS  
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

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To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

They have increased recently. They also seem to be louder and more impactful, causing my house to shake.

Signature: M. Bleich Date: 1/31/2022

February 10, 2022

Dear Committee Members:

I want to summarize the impact of the on-going explosions at River Metals Recycling, 2045 River Road, Louisville, Kentucky on the residents across the Ohio river in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

While my ability to gather impact statements was minimized due to COVID and winter weather, please find attached impact statements from 30 residents in Jeffersonville.

Responses vary as per the habits of people being at their home during the day, but as you read over these statements you will notice the same concerns are mentioned by most:

Ground vibration: Houses are shaken, windows rattled, pictures knocked off walls and things knocked off tables. Residents report cracks in walls, tiles, brick and mortar, and foundations.

Air quality: Impact to our health is a concern. There is smell of burnt metal and ash like debris on outdoor patios.

Noise: Loud. Scares all, including children and pets. Explosions interrupt the sleep of many since explosions begin at 6:30 am. Also, some work 3rd shift and must sleep during the day. Children are startled and awakened from naps. Our seniors are unable to rest. Disruptive to folks working from home.

Smoke and sometimes flames are visible after an explosion.

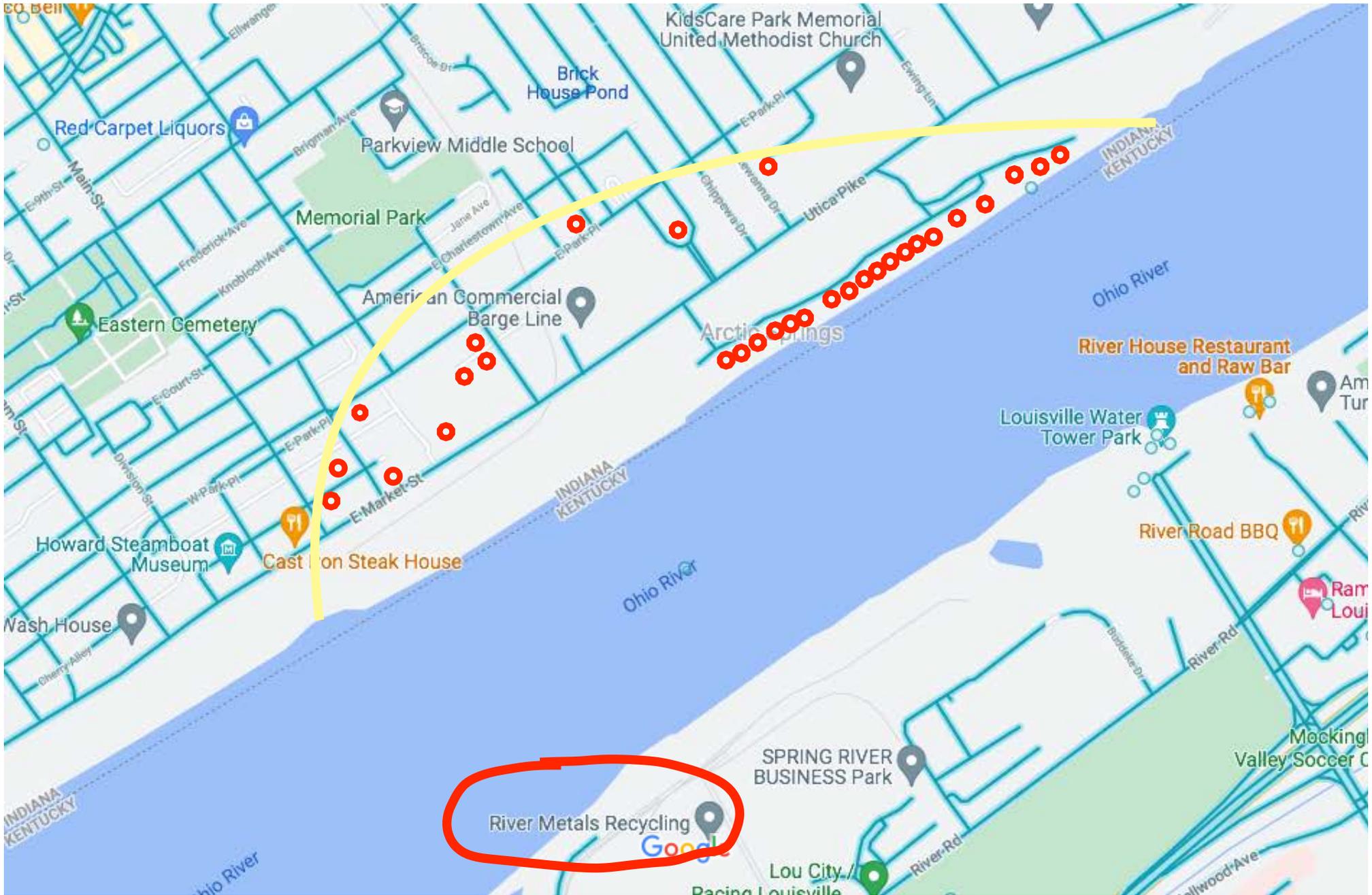
Explosions have been on-going. There have been several very large explosions in January, 2022.

Please find the attached map showing the home locations of those whose impact statements I was able to gather. Consider this area encompasses about 200 homes and a few businesses in Jeffersonville.

We ask you stop this intrusion on our right to peacefully enjoy our homes, cease the costly damages caused to our homes, and cease the producing of chemicals from burning metal that we must breathe while at our homes.

Sincerely,

Kim Swenson  
13 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130



Statements from Residents of Jeffersonville:

Printed Name: <sup>Mrs.</sup> LUDIM VALDEZ

Printed Address: 1501 UTICA PIKE  
JEFFERSONVILLE INDIANA 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

WE LIVE ON UTICA PIKE DIRECTLY ACROSS THE RIVER FROM THE RECYCLING PLANT. THE NOISE AND EXPLOSIONS IMPACT US DIRECTLY. SOME OF MY FAMILY WORK THE GRAVEYARD SHIFT AND THESE EXPLOSIONS ARE SO LOUD THEY SHAKE OUR HOUSE AND SOUND LIKE A CAR ACCIDENT HAS OCCURED IN OUR DRIVEWAY.

I FEEL THAT A RECYCLING PLANT (OR ANY BUSINESS) THAT REQUIRES USING EXPLOSIVES AND NOISE NEEDS TO BE MOVED AWAY FROM RESIDENTIAL AREAS ENTIRELY.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

YES! THIS IS A MAJOR PROBLEM AND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED NOISE POLLUTION

Signature:

Ludim Valdez

Date:

1/31/2022

Printed Name: Shane & Chrissy Calkin

Printed Address: 213 Jackson St. Jeffersonville, IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

They shake our house. They have knocked items off our walls. They wake us up & our child. They cause car alarms to go off. Scare our dogs, they shake & bark after the boom occurs.

What are they having explosions? Its a recycling plant. The explosions seem to be unnecessary.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

They have been on going daily since I moved here 3 years ago. I thought it was from the sewer project. It seems to be more noticeable the last 2 years and happen more in the morning.

Signature: Shane Calk

Date: 2/1/22

Printed Name: JACK & SUSAN VISSINT

Printed Address: 21 BLANCHET TERRACE

JEFFERSONVILLE IN 47130

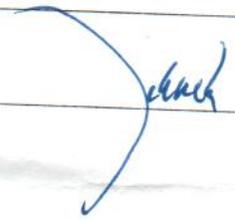
How are explosions impacting you and your property?

I HAVE LIVED HERE SINCE 1978. JEFF BOAT WAS A  
PROBLEM WITH ELECTRONIC RECEPTION PROBLEMS AND  
OCCASIONAL NOISE FROM MOVING PARTS. THIS IS DIFFERENT.  
MORE NOISE AND NO RESPECT FOR PEOPLE TRYING TO SLEEP.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

YES. DRING BOAT JEFF BOAT.  
THAT WAS NOT BAD.  
NOW MY HOUSE SHAKES !!!

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 2/2/22



Kim S &lt;kimeswenson@gmail.com&gt;

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**Re: River Metals Recycling**

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**Ronald Repp** <reppron@gmail.com>  
To: Kim Swenson <kimeswenson@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 7:08 PM

Interesting. I live right across the river from them. I can often see the flames of the burns but I have never heard an explosion.. Thanks for taking tbis on.

On Mon, Feb 7, 2022, 4:15 PM Kim Swenson <kimeswenson@gmail.com> wrote:

Thank you very much for your response.

I can see the explosion flames and smoke at River City Recycling from my home when I look after the noise and shaking.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 7, 2022, at 8:07 AM, Ronald Repp <reppron@gmail.com> wrote:

Note: If you are hearing explosions they may be coming from the quarry which is adjacent to the recycling operation.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Ronald Repp** <reppron@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Feb 7, 2022 at 7:58 AM

Subject: River Metals Recycling

To: <kimeswenson@gmail.com>

Sorry for the late reply. Otherwise occupied with health issues.

I really don't have a problem with their noise (probably dumping metal into barges, not explosions) but I do have a problem with their daily open burning, despite local ordinances prohibiting it. Our house is regularly the recipient of a large quantity of white ash, which covers everything indoors. Their open burn usually starts between 6AM and 7AM and continues for about an hour.

Ron Repp  
119 E High St  
Jeffersonville



Kim S <kimeswenson@gmail.com>

**Fwd: Explosions**

1 message

**Kirk Swenson** <kirk@labelsp.com>

To: Kim Swenson <kimeswenson@gmail.com>

Mon, Jan 31, 2022 at 2:15 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** William Keeney <wkeeney06@gmail.com>

**Date:** January 31, 2022 at 9:40:37 AM EST

**To:** "Swenson, Kirk" <Kirk@labelsp.com>

**Subject:** Explosions

*140 E High Street  
Jeffersville IN 47130-4416*

Kirk... We are in Florida for awhile but we do hear booms every once in awhile I think from the scrap yard. Heard before those are propane tanks going thru the grinder. Bill

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Printed Name: Carl J Poff

Printed Address: 123 E Park Place  
125 E Park Place

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

I own both properties listed above  
I hear loud booming noises almost daily  
because I work at home.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Recently it sounds like a building  
is being demolished w/loud booming sound  
waves

Signature: Carl J Poff . Date: 2/1/22

Printed Name: Sandra + Bobby Phillips

Printed Address: 319 E Park Place  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

We note 2-3 of these explosions a week,  
mostly noticed in early AM. Our windows  
rattle etc. While we have not experienced  
actual damage to our home that we know  
about so far, it disturbs our early morning  
sleep and peace of this quiet time of the  
day.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Yes they are ongoing and yes we have  
noticed an increase for the past year.

Signature: Sandra Phillips . Date: 2-2-22

Printed Name: Cory Huffman

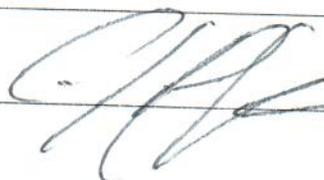
Printed Address: 321 E Park Pl

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Occasional loud boom, followed by a vibration. First time it happened, I thought a car had hit our home. These loud "booms" have seemingly become more frequent.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Moved here in '14. First one I remember was in Spring of '14 I think. Used to be sporadic, but frequency has picked up.

Signature:  Date: 2-1-22

Printed Name: Michelle Wanzer

Printed Address: 216 Kewanna  
Jeffersonville IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Noise is startling  
Sometimes foundation of house shakes

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Ongoing  
Occasional

Signature:  Date: 2/1/22

Printed Name: VENETIA LACY

Printed Address: 403 HOWELL AVE.  
JEFFERSONVILLE, IND 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

I hear them during the day. The explosions rattle my windows, shake my walls, and scare both my dogs and me. How I know it's affecting my walls/home is because shortly after the blasts - some of the pictures I have hung on my interior walls are tilted. The blasts are loud and startle me often. In the past, they didn't seem to occur very often however since I'm been working from home for the past two years it is now obvious to me, this is an event that happens on a regular basis.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

It's been an on-going issue since I moved here - I blamed Jeff Boat for some of it however when they went out of business - I still had the same issues - so it wasn't only Jeff Boat causing the upheaval in my home.

Signature:

Venetia Lacy

Date:

02/05/22

Printed Name: Anthony Black

Printed Address: 9 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersonville IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Only GOD knows what  
it's really doing to the "stabilization"  
of our properties. Companies like this  
I believe unearth Sink Holes, that normally  
would never be unearthed. I spent 30,000  
on my River Walls because they ~~are~~ erosion,  
With alot of help from this company...  
All they have to do is drain the GAS  
before Crushing, I think they do it for fun.  
"Stabilization"  
"Keep ground firm and stable, keep  
from changing"

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Yes

I dont have to hear it, I can feel it.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: Kyle & Brenda Fisher

Printed Address: 10 Arctic Springs Dr  
Jeffersonville, In 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

They Startle us and Scare the pets & grandkids  
We have drywall cracks and cracked bricks & Mortar

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

There were 3 Explosions Monday and 2 yesterday  
A definite Increase

Signature: Kyle Fisher . Date: 2-2-2022

Printed Name: NORMAN NEZELKEWICZ

Printed Address: 11 ARCTIC SPRINGS  
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Early morning explosions (6AM-8AM) disturb sleep. Property effects include vibration that may account for cracks in walls. Aside from explosions, the scrapyard metal shredding/processing noise begins very early in the day and continues throughout the day. Obviously that impacts enjoyment of the property.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

There doesn't seem to be a pattern to occurrence of explosions.

Signature: Norman Nezelkewicz Date: 2/4/2022  
John Martin 2/4/22

Printed Name: Rob Lawyer

Printed Address: 12 Arctic Springs  
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How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Shake the house

Scare the crap out of me

Start the dogs barking

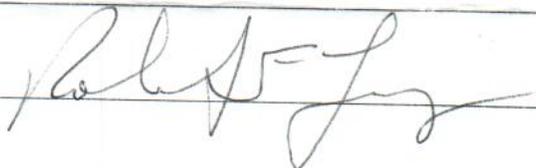
Interrupt sleep when they occur early - before sunrise

Flying shrapnel concern both at my house  
and if boating

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Yes they are an ongoing issue

No, haven't noticed any increase recently

Signature:  Date: 2 Feb 2022

Printed Name: Kim and Kirk Swenson

Printed Address: 13 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersville IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?  
Startling! House shakes, ^ <sup>my brand new</sup> Windows Rattle.  
Cracks noticed in wall. Smell of burning  
metal. Smoke filled air. Sometimes see  
flames when look down river at RMR facility.  
Soot on deck & outdoor furniture.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?  
Ongoing. Several very big explosions in January 2022.

Signature: Kim Swenson, Kirk Swenson Date: 2/5/2022



Printed Name: Robert Ehringer

Printed Address: 15 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersonville IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

cracks in drywall & ceiling  
upsets pets  
wakes you up AT ALL hours  
The smell of the fluid vapors are  
NAUSEOUS AND ARE NOT HEALTHY

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Yes ongoing but seem to be happening  
with more frequency

Signature:  Date: 1/31/22



↑  
ceiling  
crack

Printed Name: Kevin + Karen Rogers

Printed Address: 25 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Some explosions have been strong enough  
to shake our house. Very frightening  
when it happens.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Multiple times a week. Loud  
enough to wake you up. Happens  
early in morning. Going on for a  
long time.

Signature: K Rogers . Date: 1/30/2022

Printed Name: VIRGINIA JO TAYLOR

Printed Address: 25 1/2 ARCTIC SPGS.  
JEFF. IN. 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

IN THE PAST, WE NOTICED CRACKS  
IN THE FIRE PLACE AND ADJACENT  
WALL. THE EXPLOSION CAUSED A  
PICTURE TO FALL AND BREAK.

THE NOISE IS SO LOUD AND MAKES ME  
VERY EDGY!

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

THE HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR A  
LONG TIME, I'M HOME MORE OFTEN  
NOW, SO THEY SEEM TO HAPPEN  
QUITE FREQUENTLY!

Signature: Virginia Jo Taylor . Date: 2-1-2022

Printed Name: Lisa Green

Printed Address: 27 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersonville IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Always surprised when the

windows don't shatter.

All explosions can shake the  
house.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

They are an ongoing issue

Sometimes they happen later in the day  
& we are not home.

Signature:

Lisa Green

Date:

2-8-2022

Printed Name:

DAVID J REINHART

Printed Address:

28 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersonville TN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

We have lived in Arctic Springs since summer of 2019. We began noticing the explosions from across the river right away. The disturbance is variable, but I would say almost every day.

It seems that they are getting louder and more frequent. There was a particularly loud one last week at about 7 AM. Loud enough to wake you in bed, and sometimes you jump at the sound if already up.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

This is our third year in Arctic Springs - it has been that long, at least, and it does seem to be more frequent & louder.

Signature:

David Reinhart

Date:

31 JAN 2022

Printed Name: MICHAEL and MARIANNE COYLE

Printed Address: 29 ARCTIC SPRINGS  
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

WAKES US UP  
SHAKES FOUNDATION  
SHAKES DISHES IN CABINETS  
DEPENDING ON WIND DIRECTION THERE IS A  
GRAINY SOOT ON OUTDOOR FURNITURE AND BOATS.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

ON going, but DEFINETLY MORE FREQUENT  
TO ADAILY BASIS.

Signature Marianne Coyle Date: 1-1-22  
Michael Coyle

Printed Name: Roberta Hammond - Michelle Darling

Printed Address: 31 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersonville, IN. 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

The whole house shakes. Creates new  
cracks in tile. Have to straighten pictures,  
and things fall from shelves. Wakes you  
from sleep.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

on-going.

Signature: Roberta Hammond  
Michelle Darling . Date: 2-1-22

Printed Name: BARBARA BENDER

Printed Address: 35 ARCTIC SPRINGS  
JEFFERSONVILLE IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

- 1) WAKING UP - SOMETIMES @ 6:30 AM
- 2) CRACKS IN THE WALLS
- 3) ITEMS ~~MOVE~~ - DISHES RATTLE
- 4) MIRRORS AND PICTURES HANG UN EVEN OPEN AFTER EXPLOSIONS.
- 5) COMPANY IS SHOCKED THAT SUCH A THING HAPPENS UNCHECKED.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

ON-GOING ISSUE - OFTEN I  
EVEN GO OUT WITH MY  
BINOCULARS TO LOOK AT THE  
EXPANDING CLOUD OF SMOKE AND  
CAN SEE THE FLAMES. P.S: @ 9:AM

TUES  
02-01

Signature: Barbara Bender Date: 02-01-2022

THAT WAS A RATTLING EXPLOSION THIS AM ATER I FILLED THIS FORM OUT, FELT THE FLOOR SHAKE B

Printed Name: Jeff Frey and Jill Hedges

Printed Address: 36 Arctic Springs

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

yes- several times during the day the entire house receives a blow and shakes so that the windows rattle. One hears a boom before the house feels like it was hit.

Also on many instances you just hear a loud thud and some shaking, leading you to believe something has been delivered or dropped heavily at the door - but of course nothing is there - it just creates a feeling of being unsafe as you are always checking to see if something dropped onto the house. They have a general impact of increasing anxiety, ~~and~~ and prevents us from the quiet enjoyment of our home.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

They seem to increase lately. I am working at home and have noticed an increase in explosions lately.

Signature: S. Jill Hedges  
Jill Hedges

Date: Feb 5, 2022

Printed Name: FRANCES M EVOLA

Printed Address: 36 1/4 ARCTIC SPRINGS  
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

They are startling and shake the house at times.  
My dog bark sometimes.  
When I have guests, I have to warn them  
so they don't worry too much.  
I have concerns also about what chemicals  
are being disbursed into the air as we  
are downwind normally.  
I wonder if any of the cracks in our walls  
are caused by the impact of the explosions.  
It's pretty drastic when the ground shakes.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

The explosions happen regularly.

Signature: Fran Evola . Date: 1/31/27

Printed Name: Kelli Havens

Printed Address: 40 Arctic Springs  
Jfb

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Things falling off chests  
pictures always moving

grand child is scared

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

yes

Signature: Kelli Havens . Date: 2/4/22

Printed Name: Steve + Debra Schubert

Printed Address: 44 Arctic Springs  
Jeffersonville, IN 47130

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

These explosions are extremely  
invasive and intrusive. They wake  
us up early morning and during nap  
time. They scare you, as it feels like  
something has crashed into our home.  
The house shakes & the windows rattle.  
We have noticed cracks in the  
drywall but have fear of foundation  
issue as well as problems with  
gas and water lines.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

We have been in our home for 8  
years and have seen a severe  
increase in the # of explosions.

Signature:

Steve Schubert  
Debra Schubert

Date:

1/31/22  
1/31/22

Printed Name: Mike & Jaimie Moore

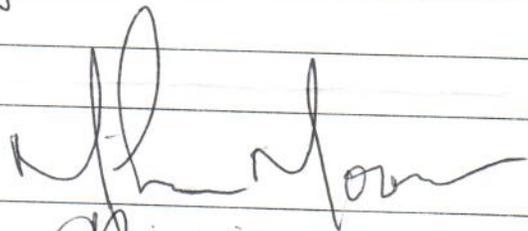
Printed Address: 52 Arctic Springs

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

Very loud & shakes the  
house.

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

Explosions have existed  
since we moved here in  
August 2018.

Signature:   
Jaimie Moore

Date: 1-30-22  
1.30.22

Printed Name: MARTHA BLEICH

Printed Address: 67 ARCTIC SPRINGS  
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN

How are explosions impacting you and your property?

I live at the far end of my street. Have lived here since 2004. In the past I thought these noises and concussions were sonic booms, and they were less intrusive. Now, they are occurring more frequently and are very concerning. I often get up to see if a tree limb has fallen on my house as it is quite a jolt. Are these jolts necessary?

To the best of your knowledge, have explosions been an on-going issue and have they increased recently?

They have increased recently. They also seem to be louder and more impactful, causing my house to shake.

Signature: M. Bleich Date: 1/31/2022

**From:** [Erin Blakely](#)  
**To:** [Arthur, Jecorey](#); [Wright, Brianna](#); [Haberman, Joseph E](#)  
**Cc:** [Ethridge, Kyle](#)  
**Subject:** Spring River Business Park  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 11:12:05 AM  
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Good morning,

I manage five buildings that comprise Spring River Business Park. The addresses are 2201, 2301, 2303, 2305 and 2307 River Road. I have been keeping Ms. Ethridge updated on all the explosion events that occur from River Metals when my tenants notify me of explosions. There are a few tenants that have sent in letters or emails that they would be willing to give a statement of how these events are affecting their business.

Attached is a list that I've compiled since we started tracking events again back in August 2021.

Please keep us updated on when a hearing is set with BOZA so the business owners and our tenants can attend.

Thank you for your assistance.

Erin

**Erin Blakely**  
*Property Manager*  
Horizon Commercial Realty  
12451 Plantside Drive  
Louisville, KY 40299

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**SPRING RIVER - RIVER METALS COMBUSTION EVENTS**

*Send events to [kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:kyle.ethridge@louisvilleky.gov). She works direct with Councilman Jecorey Arthur, New district #4.*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>REPORTED BY</u>
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12/9/2021	7:55 AM	Assured
12/17/2021	10:05 AM	VCT
12/17/2021	10:07 AM	VCT
12/20/2021	2:32 PM	Assured
12/30/2021	2:53 PM	VCT
1/6/2022	10:54 AM	VCT (very loud!)
1/6/2022	11:11 AM	VCT (loudest one yet!)
1/6/2022	3:14 PM	Assured
1/7/2022	12:28 PM	Assured
1/12/2022	8:19 AM	Assured (very loud & powerful, shook bldg)
1/14/2022	7:52 AM	Assured (chair shook)
1/18/2022	11:14 AM	Assured
1/24/2022	12:43 PM	Assured
1/24/2022	2:33 PM	Assured
1/24/2022	3:08 PM	VCT, Assured (big explosion!)
1/25/2022	9:48 AM	VCT, Assured (very loud)

**From:** [Ethridge, Kyle](#)  
**To:** [Haberman, Joseph E](#)  
**Cc:** [Hollander, Bill H.](#); [Arthur, Jecorey](#); [Wright, Brianna](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Huge explosion  
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Here's another one from this morning.

Thanks,  
Kyle

**Ms. Kyle Ethridge** | Legislative Assistant  
Office of Councilman Bill Hollander  
601 W. Jefferson Street | Louisville, KY 40202  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 9:51 AM  
**To:** Dave McVee <[REDACTED]>; michelle bratcher <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Kaye Thompson <[REDACTED]>; bobbie shore <[REDACTED]>;  
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<[REDACTED]net>; Maria Ray <[REDACTED]>; Hollander, Bill H.  
<Bill.Hollander@louisvilleky.gov>; Ethridge, Kyle <Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov>; Arthur, Jecorey  
<Jecorey.Arthur@louisvilleky.gov>; Wright, Brianna <Brianna.Wright@louisvilleky.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Huge explosion

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9:47 AM - Another huge explosion. Shook the second floor more than ever before.

What is it going to take to get this resolved??

What is it going to take to get this resolved??

Caroline Dearing  
Professional Service With A Personal Touch  
RE/MAX Properties East  
10525 Timberwood Circle Ste. 100

[REDACTED]

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From: Dave McVee <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, January 24, 2022 3:55 PM  
To: michelle bratcher <[REDACTED]>  
Cc: kaye thompson <[REDACTED]>; bobbie shore <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Ryan Burt <[REDACTED]>; Rand Duran <[REDACTED]>; sue vislisel <[REDACTED]>; Mary Grace Feltham <[REDACTED]>; judy eubanks <[REDACTED]>; judy weightman <[REDACTED]>; claude muresan <[REDACTED]>; caroline dearing <[REDACTED]>; joe and tiffany chapman <[REDACTED]>; merleta weisert <[REDACTED]>; tony ray <[REDACTED]>; maria ray <[REDACTED]>; Hollander, Bill H. <[Bill.Hollander@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Bill.Hollander@louisvilleky.gov)>; Ethridge, Kyle <[Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov)>; Arthur, Jecorey <[jecorey.arthur@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:jecorey.arthur@louisvilleky.gov)>; Wright, Brianna <[brianna.wright@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:brianna.wright@louisvilleky.gov)>  
Subject: Re: Huge explosion

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Yes, again! Maria Ray reported this also!

On Jan 24, 2022, at 3:10 PM, chuck bratcher <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Just now 308 another one house moved windows shock

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Monday, January 24, 2022, 3:03 PM, Dave McVee <[REDACTED]> wrote:

We felt both today-Monday; both relatively medium/mild...

Dave

On Jan 24, 2022, at 2:10 PM, chuck bratcher <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Just had another on about 145

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Monday, January 24, 2022, 1:27 PM, Kaye Thompson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I heard as well  
Kaye T

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 24, 2022, at 12:47 PM, chuck bratcher <[REDACTED]> wrote:

At 1244 medium boom hit house

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On Friday, January 21, 2022, 10:34 AM, Dave McVee <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Sue and I both felt the flood rafters jar, and the doors rattle. Medium to big!

p.s. At our first Webex Quarterly CHCC meeting Tues. eve, cm Bill Hollander told us, and new cm Jecorey Arthur, about our official BOZA complaint, which he said BOZA coordinator is working on. Dave

On Jan 21, 2022, at 7:00 AM, chuck bratcher <[REDACTED]> wrote:

At 656 am on Jan 21 huge explosion shook my house my bed . . I was like something hit my house .

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[On Saturday, January 15, 2022, 4:12 PM, Dave McVee](#)

[<\[REDACTED\]>](#) wrote:

I was home, but didn't notice... Dave

Begin forwarded  
message:

**From:** Kaye Thompson

[<\[REDACTED\]>](#)

>

**Subject:** Huge  
explosion

**Date:** January 15, 2022  
at 2:03:04 PM EST

**To:** Dave McVee

[\[REDACTED\]](#)  
[\[REDACTED\], tony ray](#)

[<\[REDACTED\]>](#)

2:01 pm. Our house  
shook.  
Kaye Thompson

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Talmage Hocker Jr](#)  
**To:** [Haberman, Joseph E](#)  
**Cc:** [Ethridge, Kyle](#); [Erin Blakely](#)  
**Subject:** River Metals - Explosions  
**Date:** Friday, November 19, 2021 1:20:16 PM

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Joseph –

I am writing to make you aware of the deeply disruptive, pervasive explosions our business experiences due to the nature of River Metals work behind Spring River Business Park. Principles of The Hocker Group are co-owners of Spring River and have also been a tenant of Spring River since 2018. Despite continued efforts of our team to discuss with River Metals over the last four years, River Metals continues to conduct business in a negligent manner causing loud explosions that alarmingly shake our building at 2307 River Road; Louisville, Kentucky 40206. Our team has met and spoken over the phone with River Metals team members numerous times over the last 5 years, since we purchased the property in December of 2016. While we know River Metals has tried to rectify the issue, this could be an industry that is not capable of reducing the noise pollution.

As a business owner in Spring River Business Park the explosions are deeply disruptive to my team and as a co-owner of the property I am concerned about the long term effects of the explosions on our improvements on the 200,000 square foot property. This is unacceptable and I kindly request your assistance in addressing this disturbing issue.

Best,  
Talmage

Talmage Hocker, Jr.  
The Hocker Group  
2307 River Road; Suite 202  
Spring River Business Park  
Louisville, Ky 40206

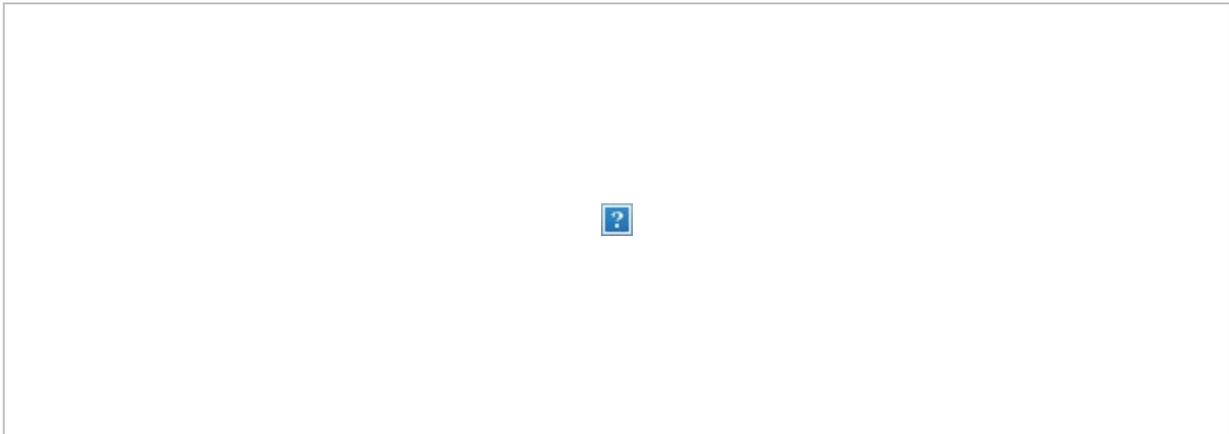


**From:** [Mindy Munson](#)  
**To:** [Haberman, Joseph E](#)  
**Cc:** [Erin Blakely](#)  
**Subject:** FW: river metal explosions  
**Date:** Monday, November 22, 2021 2:07:35 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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**From:** Mindy Munson  
**Sent:** Friday, November 19, 2021 4:07 PM  
**To:** joseph.haberman@louisvillky.gov  
**Cc:** Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov; Erin Blakely <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** river metal explosions

Dear Mr. Haberman,

We would appreciate a meeting or hearing to discuss the scare that the River Metal explosions cause to our staff and to our clients.

**From:** [Bobby Shore](#)  
**To:** [Haberman, Joseph E](#)  
**Subject:** Explosion in Clifton Heights  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 4:25:14 PM

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Mr Haberman,

I understand there is a hearing coming up , I live at 53 Winifrede Lane at the edge of a cliff overlooking the direction of the company where these explosions happen, I have multiple cracks in the drywall and or plaster of my home. I have been sitting watching the morning news when one of these has happened and watched plaster bits fall from the cracks made. This has not been a one time occurrence . I had it repaired once, only to have it cause damage several times again since then.

Bobby Shore  
53 Winifrede Lane  
Louisville KY  
40206

**From:** [Kim S](#)  
**To:** [Haberman, Joseph E;](#) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: FW: River Metals Recycling  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 12:47:22 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
[image001.png](#)

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Joseph,

I represent the folks that live in the homes across the Ohio River from River Metals Recycling in Jeffersonville Indiana.

The noise is startling, our homes are shaken, new windows are rattled by the frequent explosions from the River Road facility.

Please advise as to the appropriate manner in which I/we can make our complaint known in preparation for your meeting in February.

thank you,

Kim Swenson

cell [REDACTED]

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**From:** **Smith, Andrew R** <[Andrew.Smith@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Andrew.Smith@louisvilleky.gov)>  
**Date:** Wed, Jan 26, 2022 at 11:41 AM  
**Subject:** FW: River Metals Recycling  
**To:** Kim S <[REDACTED]>

Here is the available contact information.

Andrew R. Smith

Hazardous Materials Inspector

Louisville Fire Department

Fire Prevention Bureau

1135 W. Jefferson St.

Louisville, KY 40203

Office: 502-574-2942

Cell: 502-744-0615

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**From:** Ethridge, Kyle <[Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:17 AM  
**To:** Smith, Andrew R <[Andrew.Smith@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Andrew.Smith@louisvilleky.gov)>  
**Cc:** Arthur, Jecorey <[Jecorey.Arthur@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Jecorey.Arthur@louisvilleky.gov)>; Wright, Brianna <[Brianna.Wright@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Brianna.Wright@louisvilleky.gov)>; Haberman, Joseph E <[Joseph.Haberman@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Joseph.Haberman@louisvilleky.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: River Metals Recycling

Andy,

Thanks for your phone call. Below is some suggested contact information.

Clifton Heights Community Council

Dave Vislisel, [REDACTED] (email is probably best with Dave)

There will also be a BOZA hearing with River Metals to discuss this issue, tentatively on Monday, February 21 at 1:00 p.m. I would suggest you have her contact Joseph Haberman ([Joseph.Haberman@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Joseph.Haberman@louisvilleky.gov)) with Develop Louisville to write a written complaint to be added to the official record.

I've also copied CM Arthur's office on this email, so he is aware of the additional complainant from Indiana.

Thank you,

Kyle



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**From:** Smith, Andrew R <[Andrew.Smith@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Andrew.Smith@louisvilleky.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:00 AM  
**To:** Ethridge, Kyle <[Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov)>  
**Subject:** River Metals Recycling

Please send me contact information regarding any neighborhood associations involved in River Metals Recycling. We have a complaint from Indiana who would like to make contact.

Thanks!

Andrew R. Smith  
Hazardous Materials Inspector  
Louisville Fire Department  
Fire Prevention Bureau  
1135 W. Jefferson St.  
Louisville, KY 40203

Office: 502-574-2942

Cell: 502-744-0615

**From:** [Kaye Thompson](#)  
**To:** [Haberman, Joseph E](#)  
**Cc:** [Ethridge, Kyle](#)  
**Subject:** RMR explosions  
**Date:** Thursday, November 18, 2021 12:45:54 PM

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I live at 42 Warren Rd and have actively tried to work with RMR for a few years Re: explosions from their facility on River Rd in Louisville, Ky.

The explosions have continued resulting in my house shaking, dishes rattling, some cracked plaster in a wall of the house.

Respectfully,  
Kaye Thompson

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dave McVee](#)  
To: [Haberman, Joseph E](#)  
Subject: River Metals co./Nucor Corp. Continuing Metal Shredding Explosions.  
Date: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 6:26:57 PM  
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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Dear Mr Haberman,

As both a resident experiencing these house-shuddering events for a few years now, and as Chair of the Clifton Heights Community Council, I join Ms Kaye Thompson (see recent e-mail to you) in requesting that the Metro Board of Zoning Adjustment would look into these continuing events

As an example, I forward the Bratcher household experiences summarized here, the neighbor who has been presenting generally the worst results of these shuddering events Several neighbors reporting together are logging these events, totaling perhaps twenty over the past 12 months, and before The last was a bed, windows, and house rattler, among the worst of the past year ((Nov 18, 9:35 am, reported by at least 5 households, home at the time )

At least eight neighbors wish to attend a BOZA hearing on this case, should you be willing to arrange it

Even a January '22 date would be fine, if the Holidays get too busy ahead

Thank you so much, Mr Haberman, for your kind response to Kaye Thompson, and for attending my comments here

Gratefully, Dave Vislisel

Begin forwarded message:

From chuck bratcher <[REDACTED]@net>  
Subject Re RMR The Explosions - River Metals Recycling - 2045 River Road Louisville, KY  
Date November 17, 2021 at 4:10:19 PM EST  
To "Ethridge, Kyle" <[Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov)>, "Ray, Anthony" <[REDACTED]>, Dave McVee <[REDACTED]>  
Cc bobbie shore <[REDACTED]>, caroline dearing <[REDACTED]>, sue poppe <[REDACTED]>, maria ray <[REDACTED]>, sue vislisel <[REDACTED]>, tony ray <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, Ryan Burt <[REDACTED]>, claude muresan <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, mary Grace Feltham <[REDACTED]>, gerald.neal <[Gerald.Neal@irc.ky.gov](mailto:Gerald.Neal@irc.ky.gov)> <[Gerald.Neal@irc.ky.gov](mailto:Gerald.Neal@irc.ky.gov)>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, bob mcalpine <[REDACTED]>, [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>, Kaye Thompson <[REDACTED]>, "Hollander, Bill H." <[Bill.Hollander@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Bill.Hollander@louisvilleky.gov)>

Yes I know for sure our home has been affected. We had to have metal Beams put in our basement because our floor had dropped in four years we moved in there 4 years ago and Bibi had no issues when she lived in this home and I feel for sure that our home has been impacted we have new drywall up on the walls and they're settling in all kinds of floors that have dropped due to these explosions.  
Thanks Michelle Bratcher  
60 warren rd

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On Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 10:45 AM, Ethridge, Kyle <[Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov)> wrote:

Tony et al,

Now that we have received confirmation that several neighbors will testify at the BOZA meeting, we have initiated the process with Planning & Design to call for a BOZA hearing to discuss a modification to the CUP. River Metals Recycling will have the right to respond to that request, and then a public meeting date will be set. The earliest BOZA meeting would be the second week of December, but that's if RMR agrees to that date.

The last step to move forward is that Planning & Design staff need an email or letter from affected residents indicating that they are being adversely affected by the combustion events at RMR.

Can you please send an email/letter to [Joseph.Haberman@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Joseph.Haberman@louisvilleky.gov) and copy the D9 office?

A hearing won't be set until the emails/letters have been received and the process is formally started by the Director.

Thank you,

Kyle

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Ms. Kyle Ethridge | Legislative Assistant

Office of Councilman Bill Hollander  
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**From:** Ray Anthony <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021, 10:38 PM  
**To:** Dave McVee <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** bobbie shore <[REDACTED]>; caroline dearing <[REDACTED]>; sue poppe <[REDACTED].com>; maria ray <[REDACTED]>; sue vislisel <[REDACTED]>; tony ray <[REDACTED]>; Ryan Burt <[REDACTED]>; claud muresan <[REDACTED]>; mary Grace Feltham <[REDACTED]>; bob mcAlpine <[REDACTED]>; chuck bratcher <[REDACTED]>; gerald. neal (Gerald.Neal@lrc.ky.gov) <Gerald.Neal@lrc.ky.gov>; Kaye Thompson <[REDACTED]>; Hollander Bill H. <Bill.Hollander@louisvilleky.gov>; Ethridge Kyle <Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: RMR - The Explosions - River Metals Recycling - 2045 River Road Louisville KY

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Dave-

Find attached updated log – River Metals Recycling Explosions. I am sure some reporting is missing please let me know of any additions. Also per our earlier discussion today please work with Kyle Ethridge and set up the BOZA (zoning) meeting. I plan on making myself available for the meeting regardless of time or date. Please let me know what additional support you need from me. We can also discuss seeking legal advice while awaiting the BOZA meeting/outcome. I have also included a link to the BOZA site as additional info.

This issue has been going on for years and for most of us it has been exhausting and exasperating. Thanks for your leadership and persistence.

PS-

If anyone wishes to be removed from this distribution please let me know. Take care.

<https://louisvilleky.gov/government/planning-design/board-zoning-adjustment-boza>

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**From:** Ray Anthony (SMO NAM RC-US RI PR CRM) <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 29, 2021, 2:09 PM  
**To:** gerald. neal (Gerald.Neal@lrc.ky.gov) <Gerald.Neal@lrc.ky.gov>; Hollander Bill H. <Bill.Hollander@louisvilleky.gov>; Ethridge Kyle <Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov>; Kaye Thompson <[REDACTED]>; Dave McVee <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** bobbie shore <[REDACTED]>; caroline dearing <[REDACTED]>; sue poppe <[REDACTED]>; maria ray <[REDACTED].m>; sue vislisel <[REDACTED]>; tony ray <[REDACTED]>; Ryan Burt <[REDACTED]>; claud muresan <[REDACTED]>; mary Grace Feltham <[REDACTED]>; bob mcAlpine <[REDACTED]>; chuck bratcher <[REDACTED]>; Ray Anthony (SMO NAM RC-US RI PR CRM) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: RMR - The Explosions - River Metals Recycling - 2045 River Road Louisville KY

Meeting Tuesday May 18, 2021

Attendees: Gerald Neal (KY State Senator) , Bill Hollander (Metro Council) Kyle Ethridge (Legislative Assistant- Hollander) Dave Vislisel, Kaye Thompson, Tony Ray

Sorry for the late reply, I have been away for the last 10 days. The below is to serve as a *brief summary* of the meeting. For this meeting, the Indianola/Clifton Heights neighborhood were represented by Dave, Kaye, and Tony. I have included neighbors from previous distributions on this correspondence to reduce emails and hopefully provide some continuity.

#### General discussion and action items.

- Dave provided history and legacy issues concerning the explosions emitting from River Metals Recycling to bring the group up to speed.
- Gerald Neal said he had read through comments from Energy and Environmental (previous attempt by the neighborhood to address this issue). Mr. Neal also mentioned perhaps the neighborhood could seek a lawyer to resolve on a civil level. But before doing that, Mr. Neal asked for the log we have compiled. Also, he asked we formally request, “What do we want him to do.” Mr. Neal promised he would take up the issue and do his best to seek resolution.
- Bill Hollander spoke to some possibilities for mitigating or stopping the explosions coming from River Metals Recycling; citing them for noise violations and/or breaking zoning ordinances. Bill did not think these actions would be effective. For example, a noise violation would need to be witnessed by the police or recorded by the neighbors. Even if cited, the fine would be minimal. Bill also mentioned there is a similar issue with another River Metals Recycling facility in the Newport KY. Area. The neighbors have experienced identical issues. Per Bill, as of now they have not passed legislation to mitigate or stop these explosion from the Newport, KY site. Bill said he would keep us advised of any changes pertaining to this location. Finally, Bill mentioned River Metals Recycling on River Road were at one time open to building additional barriers to control the explosions. Bill said he has stopped hearing complaints from local businesses (on same elevation as River Metals Recycling) about the explosions. *Perhaps* the original wall built by River Metal Recycling to address this issue is actually redistributing the energy of the explosions to our neighborhood (higher elevation).

- I (Tony) reconfirmed that noise was not the issue. I told the group with confidence that our neighbors are OK with coexisting with businesses in a city environment. If I am awakened by a train whistle in the middle of the night I can turn over and go back to bed. If I experience an explosion that shakes my house similar to a small earthquake on a regular basis; that of course, is very different. I expressed the people of our neighborhood are concerned about the structural integrity of their number one financial asset, their homes. River Metals Recycling has said repeatedly, that the explosions are not causing harm to our property. But they have refused to monitor/measure their outputs (explosions). There is no denying that the explosions are violently shaking our homes and they are coming from River Metals Recycling on River Road. I could make suggestions on how River Metals Recycling could eliminate the problem; develop and follow safe and proven processes, monitor explosions with modern technology and conclude through science the real effects of the explosions, etc. And I would be happy to explore these options on my own, but I do not think River City Metals or Metro Louisville would like my invoice for doing their jobs.
- Kaye and Dave also expressed the same concerns.

Gerald-

Per your request, please find log and legacy information concerning explosions coming from River Metals Recycling.

We are requesting River Metals Recycling eliminate explosions that affect the value and structural integrity of our property. Please provide an update by June 15, 2021. Call if you need further. Thanks for your help.

All-

As additional information, here are some links concerning the issue. There are many more if you care to google.

From 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e77cDySyrU8>

From TV station WCPO – Newport KY

<https://www.wcpo.com/news/local-news/campbell-county/newport-community/explosions-rocked-their-newport-neighborhood-for-decades-now-residents-are-taking-action>

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**From:** Ray Anthony (SMO NAM RC-US RI PR CRM)  
**Sent:** Thursday May 13 2021 9 20 AM  
**To:** Ethridge Kyle <[Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov)>  
**Cc:** Dave McVee <[REDACTED]>; Hollander Bill H. <[Bill.Hollander@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Bill.Hollander@louisvilleky.gov)>; gerald.neal <[Gerald.Neal@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:Gerald.Neal@lrc.ky.gov)> <[Gerald.Neal@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:Gerald.Neal@lrc.ky.gov)>; bobbie shore <[REDACTED]>; caroline dearing <[REDACTED]>; sue poppe <[REDACTED]>; maria ray <[REDACTED]>; sue vislisel <[REDACTED]>; tony ray <[REDACTED]>; <[\[REDACTED\].com](mailto:[REDACTED].com)>; Ryan Burt <[REDACTED]>; claude muresan <[REDACTED]>; <[REDACTED]>; mary Grace Feltham <[REDACTED]>; bob mc Alpine <[REDACTED]>; chuck bratcher <[REDACTED]>; Kaye Thompson <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: RMR The Explosions - River Metals Recycling - 2045 River Road Louisville KY

Hey Kyle, you up for a Zoom meeting? Propose a time. Please advise by Friday PM.

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**From:** Kaye Thompson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday May 13 2021 9 17 AM  
**To:** Ray Anthony (SMO NAM RC-US RI PR CRM) <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Dave McVee <[REDACTED]>; Hollander Bill H. <[Bill.Hollander@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Bill.Hollander@louisvilleky.gov)>; Ethridge Kyle <[Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov](mailto:Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov)>; gerald.neal <[Gerald.Neal@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:Gerald.Neal@lrc.ky.gov)> <[Gerald.Neal@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:Gerald.Neal@lrc.ky.gov)>; bobbie shore <[REDACTED]>; caroline dearing <[REDACTED]>; sue poppe <[REDACTED]>; maria ray <[REDACTED]>; sue vislisel <[REDACTED]>; tony ray <[REDACTED]>; <[\[REDACTED\].com](mailto:[REDACTED].com)>; Ryan Burt <[REDACTED]>; claude muresan <[REDACTED]>; <[REDACTED]>; mary Grace Feltham <[REDACTED]>; bob mc Alpine <[REDACTED]>; chuck bratcher <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: RMR The Explosions - River Metals Recycling - 2045 River Road Louisville KY

Would suggest a meeting ( in person / zoom )with Bill Kyle. Senator Neal.

Kaye T

Sent from my iPhone

On May 13 2021 at 8 55 AM Ray Anthony <[REDACTED]> wrote

Dave-

Have you heard anything from Bill & Kyle? How About Gerald Neal? They have been copied on previous notifications along with history information (RMR explosions). As info, I corrected Gerald Neal's email address on this email string.

Bill/Kyle/Neal-

Hey, are you guys awake? We could use your support. Please get involved.

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**From:** Ray Anthony (SMO NAM RC-US RI PR CRM)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2021, 8:45 AM  
**To:** chuck bratcher <>; Dave McVee <>  
**Cc:** bobbie shore <>; caroline dearing <>; sue poppe <>; maria ray <>; kaye thompson <>; sue vislisel <>; tony ray <>; Ryan Burt <>; claude muresan <>; <>.com; mary Grace Feltham <>; bob mcaldpine <>; Hollander Bill H. <Bill.Hollander@louisvilleky.gov>; Ethridge Kyle <Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov>; gerald.meal@rc.ky.gov  
**Subject:** RE: RMR The Explosions - River Metals Recycling - 2045 River Road Louisville, KY

Dave-

I considered it a large explosion. I will add to the log. We should talk about a plan to measure these explosions.

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**From:** chuck bratcher <>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2021, 7:31 AM  
**To:** Ray Anthony (SMO NAM RC-US RI PR CRM) <>; Dave McVee <>  
**Cc:** bobbie shore <>; caroline dearing <>; sue poppe <>; maria ray <>; kaye thompson <>; sue vislisel <>; tony ray <>; Ryan Burt <>; claude muresan <>; <>.com; mary Grace Feltham <>; bob mcaldpine <>; Hollander Bill H. <Bill.Hollander@louisvilleky.gov>; Ethridge Kyle <Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov>; gerald.meal@rc.ky.gov  
**Subject:** Re: RMR The Explosions - River Metals Recycling - 2045 River Road Louisville, KY

7:28 Am Medium explosion shook the whole house .Rattled the glass in my windows  
. Thanks Michelle  
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On Sunday, April 11, 2021, 11:16 AM, Ray Anthony <> wrote

Dave-

I have updated the RMR Log for your review. I added explosions from 04-01-21 & 04-05-21 since the last distribution. I also added a "Legacy" tab, to capture previous reports of RMR explosions. This tab also includes past conversations with the ECC - Energy & Environmental Cabinet (referred to by Gerald Neal's office).

I have kept the same email distribution you suggested from April 1, 2021. Please advise if this distribution needs to be lengthened or shortened. Not for sure if you want to include RMR or not.

Thanks for all you and Sue do.

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**From:** Dave McVee <>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 01, 2021, 1:42 PM  
**To:** Ray Anthony (SMO NAM RC-US RI PR CRM) <>  
**Cc:** bobbie shore <>; michelle bratcher <>; caroline dearing <>; sue poppe <>; maria ray <>; kaye thompson <>; sue vislisel <>; tony ray <>; Ryan Burt <>; claude muresan <>; <>.com; mary Grace Feltham <>; bob mcaldpine <>; Hollander Bill H. <Bill.Hollander@louisvilleky.gov>; Ethridge Kyle <Kyle.Ethridge@louisvilleky.gov>; gerald.meal@rc.ky.gov  
**Subject:** Re: RCR The Explosions

Tony and All

I felt our house mildly shudder (signifying at least a medium explosion for us living across the street from most of you) at about 8:20 am also; thanks Tony for the record/tracking system you have developed. I think it is a critical part of any action ahead as these EXPLOSIONS at River City Metals continue. This morning's event is at least the 15th, and is important for all of us above to report here and to all of us each event we notice.

Please note that I have added neighbors Claude Muresan Rand and Mark (corner of Winefrede and Warren ) Bailey and Adam( Okuley-Roese) and Ryan Burt/Randy/Sally to our listing as well as our Councilmember and State Senator.

Best to all and happy Easter/Passover.

Dave and Sue Vislisel

On Apr 1, 2021, at 11:25 AM, Ray Anthony <> wrote

Dave-

There was another large explosion (shook our house) this morning @ 8:24 AM. This explosion was consistent with

previous RMR explosions.

If you or anyone else experienced the same, let me know and I will enter into the attached log.

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**From:** Ray Anthony (SMO NAM RC-US RI PR CRM)  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 21, 2021, 12:09 PM  
**To:** Dave McVee <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** bobbie shore <[REDACTED]>; michelle bratcher <[REDACTED]>; caroline dearing <[REDACTED]>; sue poppe <[REDACTED]>; maria ray <[REDACTED]>; jason smith <[REDACTED]>; Kaye Thompson <[REDACTED]>; sue vislisel <[REDACTED]>; Tony Ray <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: RCR The Explosions

Dave-

I was having a hard time keeping up with the RCR explosions and feedback from the rest of the neighborhood. I created a *very simple* Excel file to track the explosions and added a tab so I could copy and paste in supporting information from our neighbors. I also added a column to track escalation. If you would like for me to keep this record moving forward in support of your efforts, let me know.

Short of getting a lawyer and investing in equipment to monitor vibrations; not for sure what is the next step. For the interim, letting RCR know we are watching and recording their explosions *may help* to keep them vigilant.

If anyone else has a better approach, please let me know. Take care.

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**From:** sue vislisel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021, 7:35 AM  
**To:** Kaye Thompson <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Ray Anthony (SMO NAM RC-US RI PR CRM) <[REDACTED]>; York Duke (EEC) <Duke.York@ky.gov>; Mayfield Barry (EEC) <barry.mayfield@ky.gov>; Osterman Brian (EEC) <Brian.Osterman@ky.gov>; Gerstner Scott (EEC) <scott.gerstner@ky.gov>; Dave McVee <[REDACTED]>; bobbie shore <[REDACTED]>; michelle bratcher <[REDACTED]>; caroline dearing <[REDACTED]>; sue poppe <[REDACTED]>; maria ray <[REDACTED]>; jason smith <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: RCR The Explosions

Heard it too about 7:23 3/18/21.

Sue McVee Vislisel  
45 Warren Rd.  
Louisville, KY 40206  
[REDACTED]

On Mar 18, 2021, at 7:23 AM, Kaye Thompson <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Explosion at 0723 this morning  
Kaye Thompson

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 6, 2021, at 12:15 PM, Ray Anthony <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Duke-

Sorry for the late reply. We have provided a log for 2020 and you have told me you have documented explosions coming from River Metals Recycling; some of them from as far away as Indiana. You have acknowledged these explosions have gone on for years. Appears by **your below responses** you do not have any authority over this concern. Since you are requesting a log for only one month and have not acted on the previous data; I can only assume you are looking to exit this conversation. Since you have not been able to provide any assistance to this point, it is just as well.

As I have made clear in previous emails and conversations, my neighbors and myself are very concerned with the strong vibrations emitting from RMR that could compromise the structural integrity of our homes. Not for sure why you changed the conversation to **noise or air blast**. These are concussive explosions that at times feel like a small earthquakes. Appears we will have to look elsewhere for the proper regulatory or an alternate solution.

On a separate note, if you should ever need my assistance to make this community a better place to live, give me a call.

Tony Ray  
44 Warren Road  
Louisville, KY 40206  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** York Duke (EEC) <Duke.York@ky.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 2:41 PM  
**To:** Ray Anthony (SMO NAM RC-US RI PR CRM) <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Mayfield Barry (EEC) <barry.mayfield@ky.gov>; Osterman Brian (EEC) <Brian.Osterman@ky.gov>; Gerstner Scott (EEC) <scott.gerstner@ky.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: RCM The Explosions

Good Afternoon Mr. Ray,

Thank you for your e-mail dated December 15, 2020. Please let me know if you have any further questions or would like clarification of any answer.

Please provide more details on the site inspection. Does your inspector hold RCM to written processes? Do they verify/sign off on safe practices? In other words, do they prove what they say? **The Division of Waste Management does not regulate safety.** Our regulatory authority on processes would only extend to issues involving human health or the environment. **We have no regulatory or statutory authority over noise or air blasts.**

You compared our log we provided of the explosions of 2020 (see below) vs the log you obtained from RCM. You said we had 4 incidents on our log that were not reflected on the RCM log. 8/20/20, 8/22/20, 10/25/20 & 11/6/20.

What are the processes that RCM follows to ensure they are compliant to the safety and wellbeing of the public? **Again the Division of Waste Management does not regulate safety, safety is regulated by Kentucky Occupational Safety & Health in the Labor Cabinet, or the wellbeing of the public. Wellbeing regulations and statutes, if there are any, I think would be in the Health & Family Services Cabinet.**

As for your summary below **I requested you keep a log for the month of December that is the only month.** I apologize for the miscommunication.

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**From:** Ray Anthony [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020 9:56 AM  
**To:** York, Duke (EEC) <[Duke.York@ky.gov](mailto:Duke.York@ky.gov)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [com](mailto:com); Tony Ray [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** RE: RCM The Explosions

Duke-

Below is a quick summary of our conversation last Wednesday December 9, 2020.

- You recently had one of your people do a site visit to RCM. He did not report any issues.
- You compared our log we provided of the explosions of 2020 (see below) vs the log you obtained from RCM. You said we had 4 incidents on our log that were not reflected on the RCM log.
- You requested we continue to keep a log and present it to you in 30 day increments.
- Also during our conversation, the RCM log reflected some of the explosions were associated with large trailer size loads(?), but six explosions were associated with individual cars.
- You stated noise violations must be witnessed by the police.

Actions items that need follow-up:

- Please provide more details on the site inspection. Does your inspector hold RCM to written processes? Do they verify/sign off on safe practices? In other words, do they prove what they say? (Duke).
- Please provide the dates of the 4 explosions we have on our log that RCM does not. I will try to get supporting information to validate our log. (Duke/Tony).
- We will continue to keep a log and share our findings with you (Dave & Tony).
- What are the processes that RCM follows to ensure they are compliant to the safety and wellbeing of the public? (Duke).

If I do not hear from you by 12-22-20, I will give you a call. In the meantime you are welcomed to call me anytime.

Tony Ray [REDACTED].

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**From:** Ray Anthony (SMO NAM RC-US RI PR CRM)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 08, 2020 6:10 PM  
**To:** [duke.york@ky.gov](mailto:duke.york@ky.gov)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Tony Ray [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** FW: RCM The Explosions

Duke-

This is Tony Ray of 44 Warren Road, Louisville, KY 40206 – on behalf of myself and my neighbors. We spoke right before Thanksgiving concerning the on-going explosions coming from River City Metals located on River Road. Since you have experienced the negligence of RCM since 2010, I will not go into details for the sake of being brief.

- I am including a summary of explosions recorded this year. Your thought at the time of our conversation was to compare our list of explosions with RCM's log. Further details can be provided upon request - supporting emails from neighbors corresponding to the below dates.
- You were to pay another visit to RCM and advise me of the outcome.
- Our expectation is that you enforce the applicable processes and regulations to eliminate any more explosions in the future.
- My neighbors and myself are very concerned about the structural integrity of our homes.

Please take these concerns seriously.

Please provide an update by Friday December 11, 2020. Call me anytime. Thanks.

Tony Ray  
44 Warren Road  
Louisville, KY 40206  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Anthony Ray <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 08, 2020 5:32 PM  
**To:** Ray, Anthony (SMO NAM RC-US RI PR CRM) <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Fwd: RCM: The Explosions

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Dave McVee <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** December 4, 2020 at 6:17:00 PM EST  
**To:** tony ray <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RCM: The Explosions

The following log of medium to large explosions are dated. Many have specific time of day listed, and all have one or more e-mails of neighbor witnesses as back-up here. Two big ones were reported by a few people in Next Door Clifton Heights, a few in adjoining areas as well.

I will keep it all short in this log.

- \* 7/24/19. Huge explosion. Mid a.m.
- \* 1/8/20. Two separate explosions, both a.m.
- \* 1/20/20. Medium explosion. 12:43 p.m.
- \* 6/1/20. Huge explosion. 6:35 a.m.
- I 8/20/20. "Big Blast!" 6:20 a.m. Additionally, Next Door report from person in Utica, IN.
- \* 8/22/20. Big explosion. 6:33 a.m. Several reports!
- \* 10/25/20. Medium explosion. No time given.
- \* 11/2/20. 2:50 p.m. Huge blast. Several reported.
- \* 11/6/20. Explosion. No time given. Reported also by Clifton neighborhood.
- \* 11/13/20. Huge blast, one of "...worst ever". Neighbors and "Next Door" reported.
- \* 11/24/20. Medium explosion. 8:25 a.m.
- \* 12/2/20. Medium explosion. 7:25 a.m.

Sorry about the missing time of day info. I will search Next Door to try to fill in times...

Dave

<RCR Log explosions.xlsx>

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