

11909 E. Orell Rd Louisville, KY 40272





## Agenda

I am here to vigorously oppose the rezoning of residential property and proposed RaceTrac retail gas station facility.

## **Safety Hazards**

## **Health Risks**

## **Increased Noise**

Fires

**Explosions** 

Gas Leaks

Environmental

Adverse Health Effects

Benzene

Rise in ambient noise

Removal of trees

### **RaceTrac Proposed Gas Station**

- Massive Fueling Station
- Estimated over **100,000 gallons** of fuel
- Capable of fueling large Semi-Trucks

### Fires & Explosions

According to the National Fire Protection Association, every year more than <u>5000 gas station</u> <u>fires</u> are reported in the US.



# Video shows massive gas station explosion

LIVE TV Edition V

An explosive gas station fire in New Mexico was caught on camera by drivers as fire crews worked to contain the blaze. Source: CNN

### Underground gas tanks explode in Ashland

The Herald-Dispatch April 16, 2019



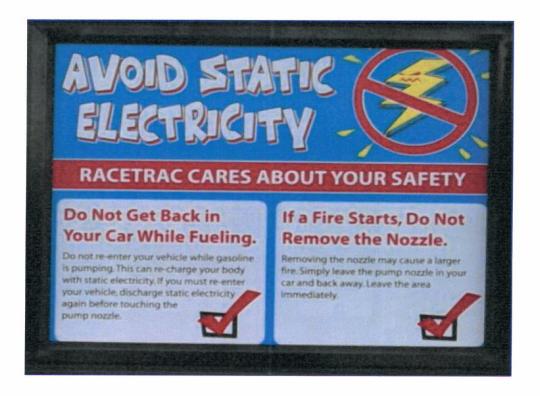
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"Static electricity can ignite a fire or cause an explosion" – Environmental Health and Safety Office at Emory University

"The most prevalent risks associated with gas station environment hazards are <u>fires</u> and <u>explosions</u>. Gas station fires most frequently result from sparks that lead to <u>fuel explosions</u> and <u>static electricity</u> that ignites fuel vapors." - <u>MTI Business</u> Solutions



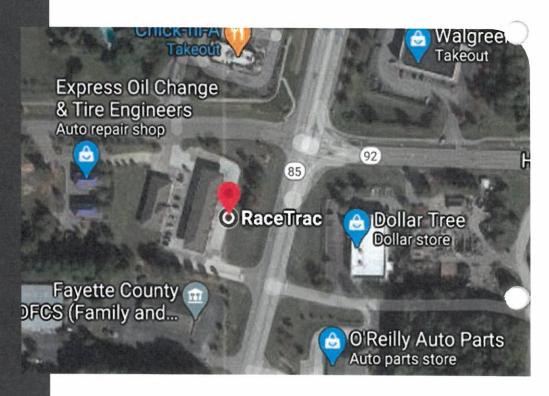
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Gas Leak

"Fayette County Fire and Emergency Services subsequently closed the roadways and evacuated approximately **100** people from several area businesses"

- The Citizen (Fayetteville, GA)

"A mid-morning natural **gas leak** April 7 at the new **RaceTrac** gas station..."



# RaceTrac Gas Leaks

# Fuel spilled at Southside gas station JACKSONVILLE, Fla.

The Jacksonville Fire-Rescue hazardous materials team was cleaning up a gasoline leak on the Southside around midday Monday.

About <u>40-50 gallons</u> were spilled at a *RaceTrac* gas station on University Boulevard near Philips Highway.

# Crews responding to reported diesel leak at RaceTrac on Siegen



A gas leak was reported at the RaceTrac gas station on Seigen Lane Wednesday morning. (Source: WAFB)

By Mykal Vincent | August 14, 2019 at 6:33 AM CDT - Updated August 14 at 6:51 AM

BATON ROUGE, La. (WAFB) - Emergency crews responded to a reported diesel leak at a gas station Wednesday morning.

## **Health Risks**



Vent pipes at gas stations released 10 times the amount of benzene, <u>a known</u> <u>carcinogen</u>, than previously assumed in modeling used to determine how far gas stations should be placed away from sensitive sites like homes and schools.

The closest house among the adjacent residences to the east along Orell Road is over <u>250</u> feet from the proposed diesel canopy.

### **Health Risks**

Gasoline contains approximately <u>150</u> <u>different</u> chemicals

### **Exposure to Gasoline**

Repeated high exposure to gasoline, whether in liquid or vapor form, can cause lung, brain and kidney damage, according to the NIH's National Library of Medicine.

### Benzene

Benzene is the gasoline constituent most harmful to human health. Adverse health effects of benzene include nausea, cancer, anemia, increased susceptibility to infections, and low birth weight.

### **Engine Emissions**

"Idling engines, particularly those in <u>large diesel</u>
<u>trucks</u>, emit a large quantity of particulates into the
local atmosphere. These particulates can pose a
<u>significant health risk</u> for those living near
convenience store/truck stops."



## **Health Risks to Children**

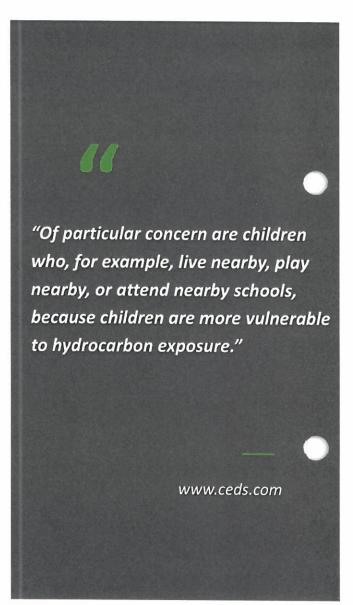




## Childhood Leukemia

"A 2003-2004 study documented a significant relationship between **childhood leukemia** and living near a **gas station**"







## **Health Risks to Children**

Despite all the modern health and safety guidelines they must follow, *gas stations* can still pose *significant hazards* to neighbors, especially children."

- U.S. EPA / National Institutes of Health

### Increased Noise

### 1.2 EXISTING NOISE ENVIRONMENT

The noise environment in the vicinity of the proposed RaceTrac facility and the closest residences is generally comprised of highway traffic noise (Dixie Highway, and I-265), and localized noise sources, including local traffic, residential noise generators (e.g. A/C compressors, conversations and lawn mowers), and a railway corridor just south of the proposed site.

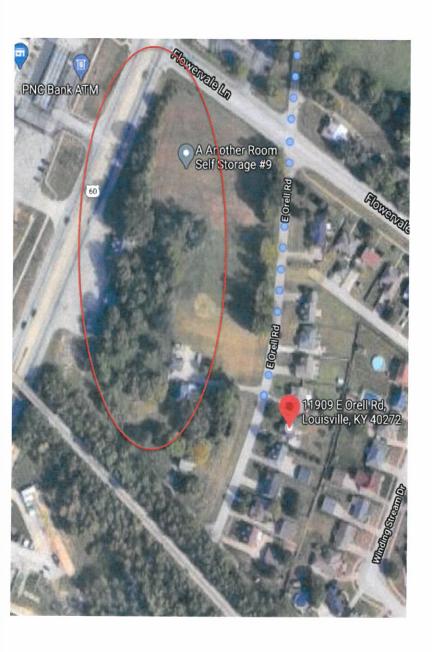
Commercial operations, including a Thornton's, a Wendy's, and a self-storage facility bound two sides for the property (north and east) and the site is bounded by a railroad line to the south.

Table 3.1-1. Ambient Noise Levels at Measurement Sites in dB(A) (Leq)

MEASUREMENT TIME	SITE B AMBIENT NOISE LEVEL dB(A)	SITE C AMBIENT NOISE LEVEL dB(A)	EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTION OF OPERATING DIESEL STATION dB(A)
7:00 AM	62.1	57.3	4.8
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4:30 PM	58.2	60.9	0
10:00 PM	57.9	60.5	0
1:00 AM	58.9	59.7	0

"Research at Colorado State
University found that noise levels at
oil and gas sites exceeded the
maximum permissible noise levels
for residential and commercial zones
(55 dBA and 60 dBA, respectively)."

- Earthworks.org



### **Increased Noise**

"A narrow strip of densely planted trees and shrubs of about 10m wide could still give significant reductions in traffic noise level - of the order of  $\underline{\textit{5dB}}$ " – www.trees.org

"A barrier is most effective when trees and shrubs are combined with soft rather than hard ground surfaces, i.e. grass instead of tarmac or gravel. <u>Hard surfaces</u> tend to reflect noise with <u>little or no attenuation</u>." – www.trees.org

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