



St. Anthony Park Community Council
2395 University Ave. West, Ste. 300E
Saint Paul, MN 55114

Amanda Smith
Zoning Inspector III- Site Plan Review
Department of Safety and Inspections
375 Jackson St. Suite #220
Saint Paul, MN 55101

Re: Rohn Industries Semi-Trailer Parking - 2495 Kasota Ave

Dear Ms. Smith,

We have many serious concerns about the potential air/waterborne pollutants that could manifest with the continuation of the 2495 Kasota Avenue project without proper research and community engagement because an old ash dump underlies this site. Two prior MWMO Commissioners representing the City of Saint Paul, who are current members of the SAPCC Environment Committee (Karlyn Eckman and Betty Wheeler), have prior knowledge and longstanding concerns about contaminants stored at this site.

About 20 years ago, Amoco BP proposed a substantially similar project on this site. It was shut down unanimously because of environmental concerns. At a special City Council hearing the permit to develop the site was revoked after Council members learned of the significant danger to human health due to toxins released (air, water and subsoil leachate plumes) from disturbing topsoil at the site following the Amoco BP Phase I environmental study.

Since that time, much scientific knowledge has accumulated to better understand health concerns from exposure to the types of pollutants which exist in that old ash layer. Therefore, it is appropriate to re-evaluate potential impacts that this project could have on the several nearby surrounding neighborhoods, each of which has significant numbers of residents (North and South St. Anthony Park, Prospect Park, and Southeast Como). It is also important to note that all of these neighborhoods are rapidly growing with many new and recently completed residential and commercial developments.

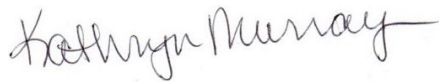
We are also concerned with the traffic congestion this project would add to our neighborhood. There are already frequent back-ups along Kasota Avenue Southeast and on the 280 entrance/exit ramps, when trains travel the railroad spur only a few hundred feet away from the

proposed entrance/exit. It seems extremely important that you require the developers to conduct a thorough traffic study before approving this project.

We strongly urge that you table discussion of this project, initiate a community engagement process, and hold a public hearing. We sincerely request that you take no vote for approval without going through a more thorough scientific review and public process.

We will follow up with another response letter next week once we have time to gather all of our concerns in one place. We appreciate your support in ensuring that you submit this site to the same scrutiny as any other.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn Murray".

Kathryn Murray
Executive Director

Cc:

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