

# MARYLAND COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Date: 7/23/24

Time: 10a - 1p

## **Commissioners in Attendance:**

Closed Meeting - Commissioners in Attendance: Aneca Atkinson, Monica Brooks, Camille Burke, Subha Chandar, Crystal Faison, Kellie Gaither, Joe Griffiths, Andrew Miller, Voncia Molock, Barbara Paca, John Papagni, Rebecca Rehr

## **1. Curtis Bay Tour**

- a. Black Butterfly Teaching Farm
- b. South Baltimore Community Land Trust Passive Home
- c. CSX open air coal terminal and diesel truck routes
- d. Planned to visit the nation's largest medical waste incinerator but was canceled on the day of this meeting due to a time constraint.
- e. Discussion (and lunch) at City of Refuge
  - i. Presentation By the Summer Youth Environmental Justice Scholars
    1. **Requested** CEJSC send a letter of support to EPA regarding the petition for rulemaking filed by South Baltimore Community Land Trust and community based environmental justice organizations across the country. The petition calls upon the USEPA to stop harmful coal pollution from open air coal trains by requiring coal train operators to obtain a permit for water pollution. The petition can be found at <https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/default/files/2023-09/2023.9.26%20Final%20Coal%20Train%20NPDES%20Petition.pdf>

## **Additional information:**

Congressman Mfume publicly supported the petition during the July 11th, 2024 congressional hearing in Washington DC. and has provided a letter in support of this to the EPA a letter in support of

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<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QPBF729kjqexHPrqOLbLk3wSHeMn5S/view>

A research paper building on decades of resident concerns about the health impacts of coal dust from uncovered transport and storage by academics on the West Coast:

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0013935124006911?via%3Dihub>

2. **Requested** CEJSC ask MDE to deny CSX Transportation's application to renew their coal terminal's operating permit. Information on the renewal can be found at <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/permits/AirManagementPermits/Pages/CSX-Transportation-Permit.aspx>

**Additional information:**

December 2023, MDE, CCBA, SBCLT and academic partners released a report confirming the presence of coal dust throughout Curtis Bay. The report can be found at

<https://news.maryland.gov/mde/2023/12/14/new-scientific-study-confirms-airborne-coal-dust-in-curtis-bay-community/>

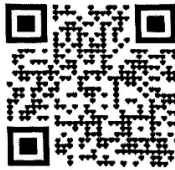
- f. For more detailed information on the tour scan the QR codes below.

### Curtis Bay Environmental Justice Tour

Supplementary information at the QR codes below provided by the *Summer Youth Environmental Justice Scholars*, a collaborative program of Benjamin Franklin HS, South Baltimore Community Land Trust, Towson University and Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

1. 3901 W Bay Ave, Baltimore, MD 21225: Black Butterfly Teaching Farm

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2. 1129 Monroe Cir, Baltimore MD 21225: South Baltimore Community Land Trust Passive Home



3. Church St. and Curtis Ave. Baltimore MD 21226: CSX open air coal terminal & diesel truck routes



(coal)



(trucks)

4. 3200 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore MD 21226: Nation's largest medical waste incinerator

