

**The emission of “. . . fumes, gases, vapors . . . or any other substances . . . as to endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the public . . .”**

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“I have literally seen thousands upon thousands of pollution clouds come from the coke plant and pass over our home. I've seen coke hazes that come in the direction of our home from the coke plant and enter onto our property. I've seen those clouds of pollution go on over our surrounding neighbors. I've seen the hazes go on up to the Back Road area, which is probably 250 feet from our house and against a hillside. And I've watched those hazes kind of expand along that neighborhood and affect our neighbors. And during a lot of these situations . . . I'm being exposed to a lot of gas, really foul and rank odors.” - Jim Sampson

July 24, 2018



“I call this a dirty, a really dirty pollution cloud. I'd like to point out all the different colors in this. You can see the blacks and the grays, but there's a lot of yellow. This photo really doesn't do it justice, but it is there.”

“And this particular cloud's also coming in toward our property, and I'm being affected by this cloud by coughing, hacking, and, actually, I gagged and threw up at this particular incident.”

- Jim Sampson



July 24, 2018

“Also in this photo you can see that on the newer unit that was put into production around 2008, they are also going through their process and there's another cloud.”

“A hundred clouds per day distributed over a 24-hour period, but it doesn't work that way. Sometimes they do this process in periods of two to four hours, and they do it at the same time on Unit -- what I call Unit 1 and Unit 2, so you kind of get the double whammy when this occurs. And it's frequent where you see both quenches taking place at the same time.”

- Jim Sampson

Early in the morning of August 26, 2018:

“I hadn't been up a few minutes, and when I opened the door to the house, it pulls inward, I sucked the smell of green ovens into our family room and, I mean, it was rank.

So I grabbed the monitor and the equipment that I use with it and took it out and put it in position, and immediately I saw the numbers were in the red and they were over a hundred. And what really stuck out to me this morning, you know, besides the pollution and the rankness of the air, was the black sky. I mean, there isn't a cloud in the sky that morning. Everything was black.

And this pollution just illuminated this morning that was coming from the coke plant, and it was just engulfing our neighborhood. And if I -- I know that this morning the PM monitors went up into the 120s, in the high 120s, and it absolutely – my throat tightened up, started gagging. Once again I lost it. I had a swig of Mountain Dew when I first got up in the morning, and, you know, I lost it out in the yard.”

- Jim Sampson





4           On the 26th of August I had headaches from the time I got  
5 up that morning and went outside at just after 6:00 until we  
6 went to bed that night, because I'd been out trying to capture  
7 all this. And you know, my throat is swollen, my sinuses are  
8 tore up, I'm stressed out, I'm disgusted, the anxiety of it,  
9 the worry for my family. You know, I've got six grandchildren,  
10 and all throughout the day they're coming in and out and  
11 they're wanting to do whatever activity they want to do that  
12 day, and really I have to be the bad guy that tells them, hey,  
13 you've got to get inside.

7 Q. Now, why do you take these photos?

8 A. Well, we have to have proof and evidence of what's taking  
9 place.

10 Q. But why doesn't somebody else take them?

11 A. I don't want Bobbi to do it. You know, it -- it's  
12 terrible. There's days that it's just terrifying to be out on  
13 these days like the 26th of August when, all day long, you're  
14 seeing elevated readings that's causing you to have physical  
15 effects. And, you know, I just don't want her out there.