



CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL TO LA PORTE INDUSTRY

CAC Plant Emissions a Mixture of Increases and Decreases in 2021

The Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) to La Porte Industry's *Annual Report on Emissions from CAC Plants* showed a slight (-0.5%) decrease from 2020 to 2021 in the Air Emissions Inventory that 36 CAC plants report annually to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). During the same period, the 35 plants that submit a Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) to the US Environmental Protection Agency experienced a 13% reduction in their TRI Releases to Air, Water, and Land.

Over the last 5 years, the Emissions Inventory has increased 4%, partly due to construction of new chemical production units. While the Total TRI reported to the CAC increased 2% from 2017-2021, the TRI Releases to Air declined slightly (-0.2%) during that time.

Since 1996, the TCEQ Emissions Inventory has declined 38%, from 22.3 million to 13.7 million pounds while the number of plants has grown. The CAC's Emissions Inventory report includes nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds, carbon monoxide, sulfur oxides, and particulate matter. The TRI Releases to Air have declined from 5.5 million pounds from 24 plants in 1997 to 1.8 million pounds from 33 plants in 2021, a 68% reduction.

The CAC welcomes visitors. It meets again on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. to brainstorm and prioritize topics for the coming year. The La Porte Education Foundation will also report. Contact LPCAC.secretary@gmail.com or 713-851-1116 to obtain details and RSVP.