



## CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL TO LA PORTE INDUSTRY

### CAC Plant Emissions a Mixture of Increases and Decreases in 2022

The Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) to La Porte Industry's *Annual Report on Emissions from CAC Plants* showed an 8% increase from 2021 to 2022 in the Air Emissions Inventory that 34 CAC plants report annually to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). During the same period, the 32 plants that submit a Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) to the US Environmental Protection Agency experienced a 26% increase in their TRI Releases to Air, Water, and Land.

The increases were attributable to plants returning to normal operations, and within historical emissions values, after the COVID-19 pandemic, Winter Storm Uri, and prolonged turnarounds.

Since 1996, the TCEQ Emissions Inventory has declined 34%, from 22.3 million to 14.8 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 32 plants in 2022, a 67% reduction.

The CAC is a forum for candid and constructive dialogue between those who live or work in La Porte, Morgan's Point, and Shoreacres and the managers of 44 chemical plants in La Porte. The CAC welcomes visitors. It meets again on Tuesday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m. to brainstorm and prioritize topics for the coming year. Contact [info@laportecac.org](mailto:info@laportecac.org) if you wish to attend. The CAC shares information about its meetings and presentations at [www.laportecac.org](http://www.laportecac.org).