

## **OUR HEALTH, OUR RIGHT: QUESTION DG3's PERMIT RENEWAL - Emphasizing Emissions Control and Transparency**

To NJ Department of Environmental Protection:

On behalf of Clean Water Action and Sustainable Jersey City, we, the undersigned NJ organizations and concerned residents, are reaching out to express our significant concerns regarding the renewal of the Title V Operating Permit for Diversified Global Group (DG3), located at 100 Burma Rd, Jersey City, NJ 07305.

DG3 has been identified as a major source of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and an area source of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), including Xylene, Cumene, Ethyl Benzene, and D.G. Monobutyl Ether. The emissions from DG3 have a profound impact on our community, affecting air quality, public health, and the overall well-being of residents.

We appreciate the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) engaging the community in this process. However, we would like to underscore the importance of addressing specific concerns related to emissions control, transparency, and community health. Our requests for reconsideration of the renewal process are as follows:

- **Emissions Control:** DG3 produces 926 tons of Ethylene Glycol annually, a highly dangerous VOC. We request a comprehensive plan for emissions control to mitigate the adverse effects on the central nervous system, heart, kidney, and potential fatalities caused by this substance.
- **Transparency in Community Health Impact:** We urge DG3 to provide transparent data on the community health impact of their operations. This includes detailed information on air quality, potential health risks, and measures taken to safeguard the well-being of residents.
- **Internal Health Data on Workers:** DG3 should disclose internal health data concerning its workers. Transparency in this regard is essential to ensure the well-being of employees who may be directly exposed to the hazardous substances produced by the facility.
- **Transparency in Discussion with Community Members:** We request a transparent and inclusive discussion with community members. DG3 should provide clear information on its operations, respond to community concerns, and engage in an open dialogue to address issues related to public health and safety.
- **Commitment to Minimizing Environmental Impact:** DG3 must demonstrate a commitment to minimizing its environmental impact. This includes implementing measures to reduce emissions, exploring eco-friendly alternatives, and actively participating in community initiatives aimed at promoting environmental sustainability.

We understand the urgency of the matter and sincerely hope that DG3 and the DEP will consider these requests seriously. We look forward to a constructive dialogue that prioritizes the health and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,