

Trouble at the Fenceline

As we all know there are many things that go on at an industrial facility that may or may not be harmful to the public during the lifetime of its operation. The people are often left in the dark about the environmental dangers until after the facility closes. Erie Coke, however, is not hidden from the public eye. The community surrounding Erie Coke has a very visible record of environmental damage which clearly can be attributed to the facility.

A perfect illustration of this is these photos taken outside their gate on Port Access Road on December 01, of 2018. This had been reported to the Erie County Health Department as a spill



into the sewer system on November 26 2018. Despite being reported as cleaned up on the 28th, this mess shown here does not look very cleaned up. This spill was also reported to the Department of Environmental Protection which has failed to take any enforcement actions for polluting the waterway or potentially polluting the air with [particulate matter](#) when the dried residue becomes airborne.

A Cloud of Emissions

Erie Coke has also been cited for generating emissions that pass the property line in the past. Their Federal Title V Clean Air Permit forbids emissions from crossing the property line. A recent photo taken June 08, 2018 clearly indi-

cates Erie Coke's failure to meet this stipulation in their permit. This photo shows a dirty plume of [particulate matter](#)-laden black smoke trailing well past their property line .



That photo was taken just last year but what about today? The photo below was taken by Dr. Mike Campbell at the East Avenue Boat Launch on Feb 14, 2019 which demonstrates unequivocally that Erie Coke is not honoring their Title V Clean Air Permit. Sooty black particulate matter covered the ice at the boat launch and dead fish littered the beach. Erie Coke is the only possible source of origination .



If you see dirty smoke, tarry spills or fresh soot deposits coming from Erie Coke like the ones shown in this newsletter don't hesitate to call the DEP right away. Don't let Erie Coke get away with failing to meet their permit requirements. This is completely unacceptable for the people who live and work in the shadow of Erie Coke. This behavior must stop now!



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