

Thanks, Fairfield!

As many as **426** of you signed the petition showing great community concern about the renewal of a DNR* Operating Permit for the Foundry under the new Hycast management. In addition, **247** individual comments were sent to the DNR regarding the proposed allowable annual tonnage of hazardous air pollutants and particulate matter stipulated in the permit. Thank you all for that.

The IDNR will now evaluate the comments and produce a “Responsiveness Summary;” this will take at least until April 2026.

The comment period is over, but COMPLAINTS submitted during this time may be very important to the DNR’s evaluation and fact-gathering. The *complaint* process is separate from, but supplemental to, the *comment* process.

If you observe dark particulate deposits on outdoor surfaces such as vehicles or windows, photograph and document them (date, time, exact location) and contact the DNR for guidance on possible sample collection:

Ryan Stouder, Air Quality Senior
1023 W Madison St.
Washington, IA 52353

By phone: 319-653-2135
By email: ryan.stouder@dnr.iowa.gov
Complaints may be anonymous!

For example:

- Take pictures of smoke from the foundry’s stacks or soot on your house or car
- If there is a smell*, focus your comments on what it might mean: are there acrid or metallic elements in the air that may also contain toxins?
- Be specific about your experience and how the air is affecting you:
 - Is there a taste?
 - Affect your eyes?
 - Your breathing?
 - Feel it in your throat?

YOUR LIVED EXPERIENCE MATTERS; PLEASE SHARE IT

* “The DNR (Iowa Department of Natural Resources) is unable to address issues regarding odor, noise, light pollution and other factors not regulated under federal or state air quality standards.”

Sincerely,

Your Fairfield Clean Air neighbors

For more information, visit www.FairfieldCleanAir.org