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ACCAN Shares Video of Neville Island Explosions (in the spirit of July 4th)

Allegheny County Clean Air Now (ACCAN), the residents group instrumental in bringing pollution violations at the Shenango Coke Plant to light, [released a video today](#) in the spirit of July 4th that captures the house-shaking explosions and pollution in Emsworth coming from the Neville Recycling (Metalico).

Emsworth residents have been subjected to these explosions and pollution for years, says Thaddeus Popovich, a co-founder of ACCAN. The epicenter of these explosions and air pollution is Neville Recycling (Metalico), a recycling firm on Neville Island.

“The air pollution and explosions on Neville Island are a constant reminder that the health of our community is being adversely impacted,” said Popovich. “This July 4th holiday, we are mindfully reminding our health department that these occurrences are something our community cannot celebrate or tolerate.”

[In November of 2018, the Health Department issued an enforcement](#) order that required Metalico to take measures to stop the explosions and fined them \$6,900. The relatively minor fine and lack of enforcement has brought little change since the order was issued as witnessed by the dated explosions in the video.

“It’s time for the Allegheny County Executive, Rich Fitzgerald, to take action to get the Health Department to effectively regulate Metalico and require that they abide by their operating permit,” said Popovich.

We hope you will consider sharing and posting the video. ACCAN is asking people to sign the petition that will be presented to County Executive Rich Fitzgerald.

Sign the Petition: <https://forms.gle/bJ1vC56Unf6oxgbX9>

FairShake Video Link:

<https://fairshake-els.box.com/s/r272zzwoetmv1o9za7lrnp2lnjmfal3>

YouTube Link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ef2puOxdrRM&feature=youtu.be>

Enforcement Order:

<https://breatheproject.org/app/uploads/1970/01/11.15.18-Metalico-Enforcement-Order.pdf>