



## Attention All Neighbors and Environmental Community!

*Write and Send A Comment~ ~Be Heard*

**SEPTA's Gas Plant in Nicetown is still in the spotlight.**

**The Written Comment Period has been extended to Aug 31st.**

**The Health Department is considering approval of a renewal of SEPTA's Synthetic Minor Operating Permit (SMOP) for Roberts Complex, which includes SEPTA's Gas Plant.**

At the July 27th Public Hearing, Health Commissioner Dr. Cheryl Bettegole made this extension after hearing public testimonies!

**When: Now → Thursday, August 31st**

### **What to Do:**

Send an email to [DPHAMS\\_Service\\_Requests@Phila.Gov](mailto:DPHAMS_Service_Requests@Phila.Gov)  
(DPHAMS stands Department of Health, Air Management Services)

Subject line: Comment on SEPTA Roberts Complex SMOP  
Include your name, address, email, phone #, groups you belong to etc.



*You may find these Comment Points useful.*

QR Code goes to  
[www.NeighborsAgainstTheGasPlants.com](http://www.NeighborsAgainstTheGasPlants.com)  
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**Please call us if you cannot easily send an email. We can take a photo of your letter, and email it to them! 215-888-1894**

SEPTA's "Gas Plant" is a CHP (Combined Heat and Power Plant). It burns natural gas in Nicetown to generate 70% of the electricity used by regional trains at Wayne Junction. Previously, the trains reliably ran on electricity only from PECO. The CHP sits off of Roberts Avenue, next to SEPTA's Midvale Bus Depot (at Wissahickon Avenue). It sends 73 tons of toxic emissions/year and excess heat into Nicetown, SW Germantown, and lower East Falls (along Wissahickon Avenue).

Air pollution from the CHP, from the Midvale Bus Depot, Roberts Train Yard, and Liberty Train Yard on Roberts Complex, from Route 1, heavy street traffic, and other smaller local pollution sources, make Nicetown one of the city's most polluted zip codes.

Nicotown (19140) is situated at the bottom of a topographical bowl. Air inversions that trap ground ozone occur more often than in communities at higher elevations. The zip code has some of the highest rates in the city for asthma, cancer, and cardiovascular disease.

The EPA identifies Nicetown as an Environmental Justice (EJ) community of minority and low-income residents. Instead of applying "enhanced scrutiny" in permitting as required by law, the City and SEPTA yielded to political pressure from the gas industry to build an unnecessary power plant in a densely populated urban neighborhood. An EPA investigation of AMS for violating the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is ongoing.

**We want the Philadelphia Health Department to deny the renewal permit for Roberts Complex as long as it includes the CHP (Gas Plant)! Short of that goal, we want AMS to improve the permit and provide more protection for our community's health.**

**Please write a comment! See Comment Points and you may wish to share your experience/knowledge of air quality and health.**

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