

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: We live in the direct path of a chlorine release that will kill us almost instantly. The Jones Chemicals factory is aging and in disrepair with a recent history of accidents.

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Comments for Public Posting: Public Comment: Safety Concerns Regarding the Jones Chemical Chlorine Facility On behalf of California Safe Schools, a children's environmental health and environmental justice coalition founded in 1998. we are writing to express serious concerns about the chlorine handling operations at the **JCI Jones Chemicals facility in Torrance, which is located adjacent to the Cheryl Green Community Boys & Girls Club and near residential neighborhoods. This facility stores and transfers large quantities of chlorine, a highly toxic gas that can cause severe respiratory injury or death if released. A chlorine release could create a toxic cloud capable of spreading through surrounding neighborhoods depending on wind conditions. Facilities like this must be held to the highest safety standards because of the potential consequences for children, families, and workers nearby. The extremely close proximity of this chemical facility to a youth center and residential areas raises serious environmental justice and public safety concerns. Communities should not have to worry about hazardous chemical operations next to places where children gather after school. It is also important to note that federal regulators previously cited the facility for violations of chemical accident prevention requirements under the Clean Air Act, resulting in a penalty and required safety improvements. This history underscores the need for continued oversight and stronger safeguards. For these reasons, I urge decision-makers to:

- Conduct a thorough safety and risk assessment of chlorine storage and transport at this facility.
- Increase transparency and public access to emergency response plans.
- Evaluate whether hazardous chlorine operations should continue so close to homes and youth facilities.
- Consider relocation, reduction of hazardous chemical volumes, or implementation of safer alternatives where feasible.

Children, residents, and workers in this community deserve the highest level of protection. Public health and safety must be the top priority when hazardous chemicals are handled near schools, youth centers, and homes. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.