

EPA REGION V  
**COMMUNITY LEARNING SESSION**  
ON THE VEOLIA (SAUGET) TITLE V AIR PERMIT  
RENEWAL APPLICATION

END OF MEETING SURVEY RESULTS



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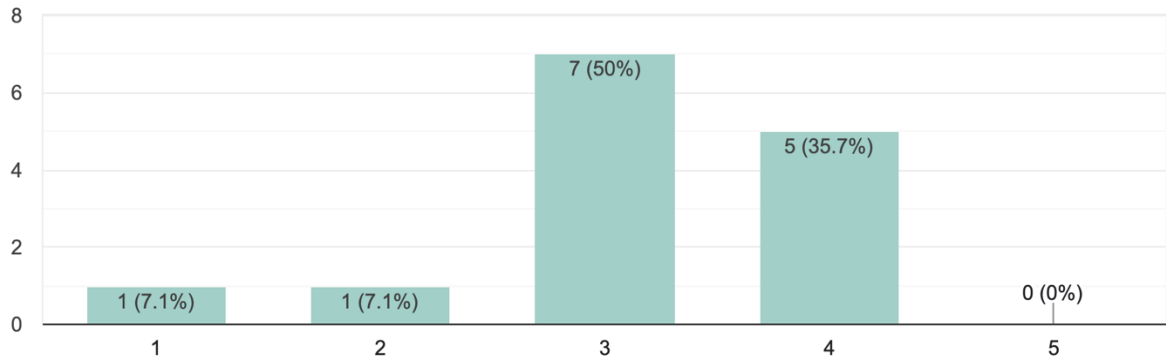
## SURVEY RESPONSES

Total responses: 14

### 1. TO WHAT EXTENT DO YOU FEEL BETTER PREPARED TO ENGAGE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PERMITTING PROCESS AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD?

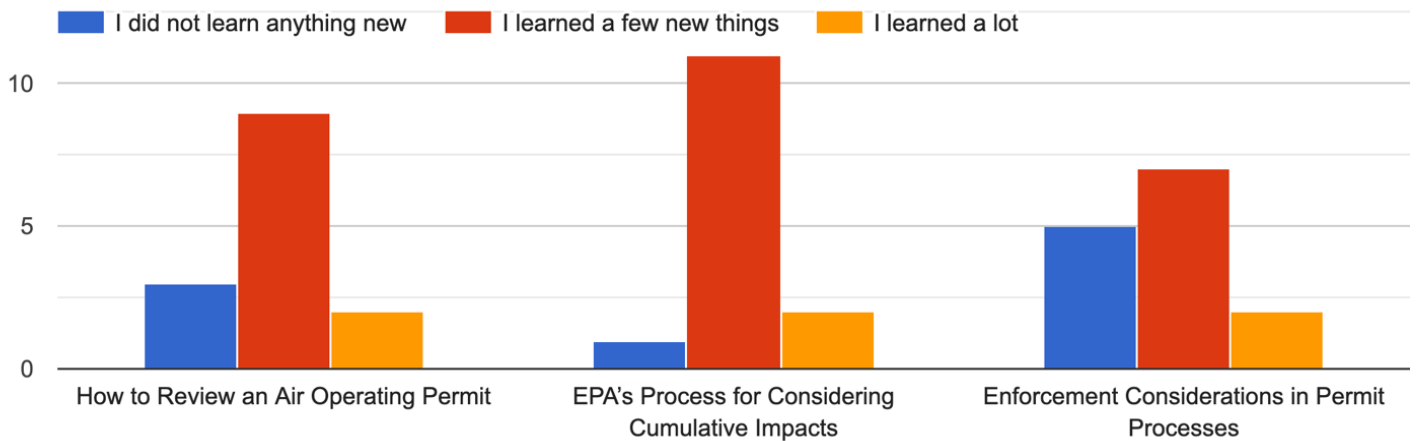
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14 responses



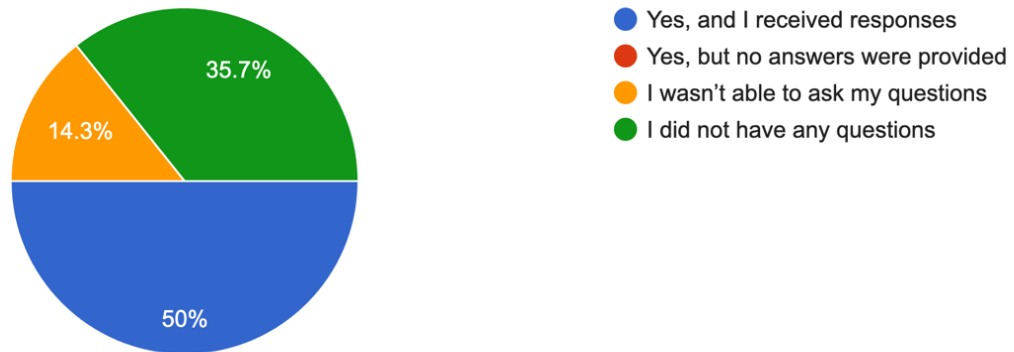
Response average: 3.14 / 5

### 2. TO WHAT EXTENT DID YOU INCREASE YOUR LEARNING



### 3. WERE YOU ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS YOU HAD ABOUT THE PERMITTING PROCESS?

14 responses



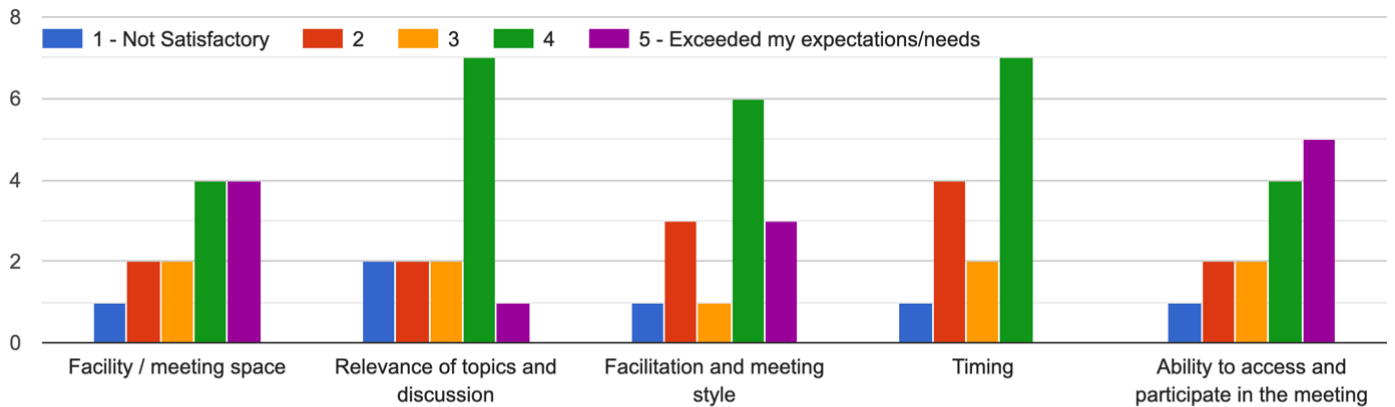
### 4. WHAT REMAINING QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT THE PERMITTING PROCESS AT THE VEOLIA FACILITY?

11 responses

- Compliance and weakening restrictions in new permit.
- I appreciate all the information provided, but for many of it is too much to review. High level overviews are always appreciated, e.g. the history of Veolia, the range of emissions and how they are each monitored, etc.
- I wish we were given a timeline. Because the source is under an application shield and EPA has no deadline to issue or deny the permit this can be months or years before the facility gets an updated permit and the public is not well served .
- No info on how noncompliance and lack of enforcement would impact the new permit.
- We live outside of the 3 mile radius - maybe within a 5 mile radius yet we have experienced the horrible smells (one assumes toxins are carried as well) that blow our way on a Sunday morning when the wind blows from the northeast. If Veolia can't come into compliance now, why would EPA believe that they would in the future. If environmental justice is to ever occur, it would seem that this should be the first permit not to renew and begin rectification.

- If the permit is denied how long does it take to shut the facility down and will they be allowed to appeal the process ?
- Please create a session for the air for residents to ask questions. I feel that area should be closed off the air is terrible not being able to breathe sometimes
- I'd like to see that the permitting process takes into consideration the concerns of the community.
- I am not concerned about the process, I am concerned about the monitoring, accountability and enforcement of the permit after the process. A new permit request should not begin the process if they are out of compliance with their current permit.
- The same one I asked in the meeting--if you are spending all this time on measuring cumulative impact, are you planning to use the data in granting or denying the permit? If not, seems like a big waste of time if the information goes nowhere and impacts nothing.
- Will EPA recommend permitting despite the fact that Veolia has not met remediation goals and does not plan to ?

## 5. PLEASE RATE YOUR EXPERIENCE OF THIS MEETING



*Response average:*

- Facility/meeting space: 3.61 / 5
- Relevance of topics and discussion: 3.21 / 5
- Facilitation and meeting style: 3.5 / 5
- Timing: 3.07 / 5
- Ability to access and participate in the meeting: 3.71 / 5

## 6. PLEASE ADD ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR FEEDBACK ABOUT THE MEETING

*9 responses*

- Audio issues kept happening. The facilitator was responsive but some panelist speakers were not good speaking into a mic.
- Terrible echo. Was the meeting in a gymnasium? You need an audio engineer to mix the levels better and fix the audio issues. The audio issues and the speakers thick accent made it very difficult to understand.
- My low mark for the discussion is because we had a lot of difficulty understanding the 2nd gentleman from EPA that spoke and he spoke for a long time.
- I was told the issue with Sauget Viola plant will be handed over to the Illinois State EPA. But they failed to send anyone to the meeting. I suppose that is a way to tell the community their solution to the problem?
- The new developed area where the veoila plant should be furthur study in the mean time it should be no no to cause harm to the residence our air matters we have a day care near by think about the small ones coming up. I feel they should not issue them a permitt ever for that area. It causes harm
- The meeting further explained how the permit process works. It accomplished its goal.
- Delivering the current and historical status of Veolia's permit first would have caused the audience to be more engaged in learning what we can do to influence the current permit in process. The meeting went long because many questions asked early on were about the current state of their permit. I apologize if I misunderstood the intent of the meeting. I appreciate the advocacy and support for our community.
- I am very skeptical that your work on accessing cumulative impact data will have any bearing on the outcome of the permitting process or in holding Veolia accountable for its many, many violations. I hope I'm wrong.
- It is unfortunate that no one from EPA enforcement was present and no one from Illinois EPA. What is that message?