PROTECT LAC DES ALLEMANDS. STOP FORMOSA PLASTICS.

DID YOU KNOW?

If Formosa Plastics is built, discharge from the site would flow directly into Lac des Allemands.

Formosa's 2,400-acre site is the size of 80 football fields, and would consist of 14 separate plants.

Formosa would emit 800 tons of toxic air pollution per year, reaching every district.

Above: Flow of water down the St. James Canal from the Formosa site to Lac des Allemands, the "Catfish Capital of the Universe." South Vacherie is just west of the lake.

PLASTIC IN OUR CATFISH.

This past summer, a billion Dow Chemical plastic pellets, called "nurdles," spilled into the Mississippi River from a shipping container. No company involved or any state or federal agency has taken responsibility for cleanup.

Nurdles absorb other toxins from the environment around them as they sit in bodies of water, and are frequently mistaken for food and consumed by fish.

If we allow Formosa Plastics to build, disasters like this will become commonplace in our parish.

FORMOSA'S BAD TRACK RECORD

In June 2019, a federal judge in Texas declared Formosa a "serial offender" for dumping plastic pellets into Texas waterways for years. Formosa paid $50M in a Clean Water Act settlement.

In 2016, Formosa polluted 125 miles of Vietnam's coastline. The toxic waste killed over 100 tons of fish and destroyed the economies of four coastal provinces.

PROTECT OUR PARISH AND DEMAND BETTER.

Formosa is not a done deal. The Army Corps of Engineers recently suspended Formosa's permit. The St. James Parish Council also has the power to stop Formosa at any point.

CALL COUNCILMAN DONALD NASH
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and ask him to protect Lac des Allemands and urge the Parish Council to attract and invest in businesses and industry that don't pollute our parish.

Example: "My name is _____, and I live in the 7th district. Formosa would discharge into Lac des Allemands, threatening our seafood industry and heritage, and I am calling to urge you to stop Formosa and vote to rescind its land use permit."
PLASTIC IN YOUR FISH AND ON YOUR PLATE

Image: Plastic waste recovered from the digestive system of a rainbow runner. The construction of Formosa Plastics would risk introducing countless microplastics into our seafood's food chain.

SOURCES:
1. Formosa Plastics discharge permit.
2. 2019 LDEQ Statement of Basis