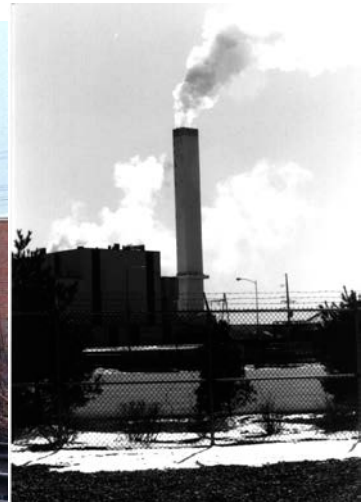


NEW MEETING!

# 30 Years of New York City Trash Trains Coming to be Burned in Chester

unless you  
**ACT NOW**



Chester City Council

7pm, Wed July 23rd

City Hall, One Fourth St. (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)



**SHOW UP**

Tell them to VOTE NO on Covanta's application  
*as the Planning Commission unanimously recommended*

This rail project helps lock in a 30 year supply of trash from New York City to be burned in the nation's largest trash incinerator, right here in Chester. **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!**

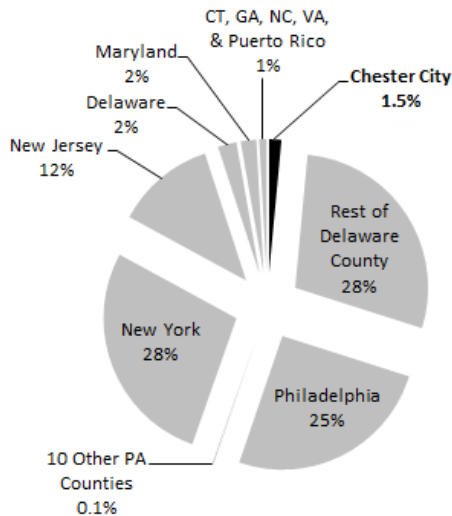
Learn & Take Action: [www.ejnet.org/chester](http://www.ejnet.org/chester)

Chester Environmental Justice & DelCo Alliance for Environmental Justice  
Contact [delcoaliance@ejnet.org](mailto:delcoaliance@ejnet.org) or 215-436-9511 to get involved.

Covanta operates the nation's largest trash incinerator, burning up to 3,500 tons of trash a day on our waterfront at Front and Highland. This "trash-to-steam" plant turns trash into toxic ash and toxic air pollution, bringing trucks, odors, disease and death to Chester residents.

Only 1.5% of what they burn is Chester's waste. Since it started in 1991, the rest of the waste burned has come from the rest of Delaware County, Philadelphia, 17 other PA counties (as far as Pittsburgh), New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia, Puerto Rico and Canada.

**Sources of waste burned (2012 - March 2014):**



**Chester has done its share, burning everyone else's waste for the past 23 years.** 5.6 million tons of New York waste has already been burned in Chester, and now they want to burn 15 million more? **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!**

The New York City trash train project helps lock in Covanta's plans to annually bring in 500,000 tons of NYC trash by train for the next 30 years – coming from the wealthiest part of their city.

In the first quarter of 2014, Covanta only received enough waste to burn at 75% of their capacity. If New York waste jumps to 500,000 tons/year, this means another 300,000 annual tons burned, allowing Covanta to burn at 98%.

**Covanta Pollution and Your Health**

The trash incinerator in Chester is the largest of the 39 Covanta operates in the U.S., but has the fewest pollution controls installed. They operate without typical controls that can better remove toxic pollution like mercury and dioxins.

Covanta's Chester plant also lacks the standard equipment that reduces Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) pollution which causes asthma. Of all 30 electric generating plants in the 5-county Philly area, Covanta's incinerator is the #1 source of NOx and sulfur dioxide (SO2) pollution.

**Bigger polluters are shutting down:** Even out of the 100 plants in the eastern half of the state, Covanta's Chester incinerator is among the top ten polluters for NOx and SO2. SO2 causes breathing difficulties and pre-term births. Of the dirtier plants, most are coal plants that shut down or stopped burning coal since 2011.

Covanta is also one of the largest polluters in the area for highly toxic pollutants like dioxin and mercury. Covanta's pollution contributes to asthma, cancers, heart attacks, pre-term births, birth defects, endometriosis, learning disabilities, ADHD, and other health problems.

**Trash trains: the wrong direction for Chester**

Letting Covanta build infrastructure to bring in trash trains is acting as if they'll be here, hurting Chester's health, for another 30 years or more. The reality is that trash incinerators are the most expensive and polluting way to make energy or manage waste. There were only 86 in the U.S. in 2010 and are just 80 now. We need Covanta closed, not kept open for decades.

**Alternatives: healthier and more jobs!**

Other cities are moving toward "zero waste" – reducing, reusing, recycling and composting materials, not burning or burying them. This is cheaper, cleaner, and means 5-10 times as many jobs! It's time for others to take care of their own trash, stop dumping on Chester, and let Chester be part of the solution with green jobs.