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5 News Investigation: Marion County Recycling Plant Cited For Multiple Violations

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The problems for Marion County recycling and trash company are finally coming to the forefront. According to our state's Department of Environmental Protection Agency's website, they started to investigate the Three Rivers Iron and Metals in 2004. Since then they've been issued numerous warnings to clean up their act. The investigation first started when officials noticed they accepted and deposited 600 tons of incinerator ash. Follow up checks showed they did nothing to remove it. Then late last year during another investigation officials found dangerous chemicals mixed in with storm water flowing

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under the surface. Although the company's right next to the Monongahela River, DEP officials never found any of the runoff in the river.

Sue Hawkinberry, has lived next the plant for 7 years, but she only found out about the investigation when 5 News alerted to it on Thursday. She described living next to the plant as dirty.

Hawkinberry always felt there was something fishy going on at Three Rivers Iron and Metal.

Living less than 10 feet away from the plant she said she can't open her windows and doors due to the fear of soot from the plant getting inside her house.

"I notice a smell that comes through every so often," Hawkinberry said. "It's kind of like a burning smell."

Now it looks like that is all about to change.

Last month officials with Three Rivers Iron and Metals came to an agreement to pay the DEP for a handful of violations.

"When the DEP negotiates consent orders that means something has happened that has impacted the environment," President of Downstream Strategies, Evan Hansen said.

Hasen has made a career off of keeping an environmental check on companies. He told 5 News he was shocked to hear some of the allegations brought forth against Three Rivers Iron and Metal.

"It's important for the DEP in a level handed, even way, enforce the laws," Hansen said. "(It's important) that people who run businesses know that they have to be met."

Barry Bledsoe is one person who helps to run the plant. That's the same Barry Bledsoe whose running for a seat in the House of Delegates.

5 News reached out to Bledsoe on Thursday, but he declined to comment.

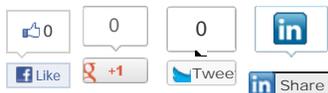
Hawkinberry said she didn't care who runs it. She was just glad they have to pay for their violations.

"I just would like to see them clean it up," Hawkinberry said.

Under the order, Three Rivers has agreed to make changes, but they didn't admit to any wrong doings.

You can see a copy of the order [here](#). At that site you can also let folks with the DEP know what you think the potential agreement.

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