

Res. No. 40

Resolution calling upon the appropriate committee of the Council of the City of New York to hold prompt hearings concerning the issue of garbage incineration and the potential threat to public health and safety caused by incinerator emissions and ash residue landfills.

By Council Members Cerullo III, McCaffrey, Fisher, DiBrienza, Eisland, Alter, Duane, Abel, Fusco and Ognibene; also Council Members Cruz, DeMarco, Malave-Dilan, Eldridge, Foster, Freed, Harrison, Koslowitz, Linares, Maloney, O'Donovan, Pagan, Pinkett, Povman, Robles, Ward and Williams.

Whereas, The Council of the City of New York adopted a resolution on July 2, 1991, calling upon the Mayor to direct the Department of Sanitation and the Corporation Counsel not to expend any City tax levy funds in fiscal year 1992 on the development and planning of projects related to the expansion of garbage incineration and the planning and construction of an ash residue landfill; and

Whereas, Incineration may result in the emission of a wide variety of toxic air pollutants and an ash residue that tends to be highly toxic and which may leach from landfills where the waste material is disposed; and

Whereas, The continued operation of the City's existing incinerators raises serious questions about the threat they pose to public health and safety; and

Whereas, Land use issues with respect to incinerators

will continue to come before the Council of the City of New York; and

Whereas, It is important to understand the process of incineration and the disposal of ash residue and to study the potential health effects which they cause; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council requests that the appropriate committee of the Council of the City of New York hold hearings to address the issue of garbage incineration and the potential threat to public health and safety caused by incinerator emissions and ash residue landfills.

Referred to the Committee on Environmental Protection.