



**HEARING NOTES**

**Resolution: 22-0088R**

**Informational Hearing - CSX Coal Silo Explosion**

**Committee:** Public Safety and Government Operations

**Chaired by:** Mark Conway

**Hearing Date:** August 24, 2022

**Time (Beginning):** 5:00 PM

**Time (Ending):** 7:55 PM

**Location:** Du Burns Council Chamber / Webex Virtual Hearing

**Total Attendance:** Approximately 100 people

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Mark Conway                      Kristerfer Burnett                      Antonio Glover  
Phylcia Porter                      Odette Ramos

<b>Bill Synopsis in the file?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Attendance sheet in the file?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Agency reports read?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Hearing televised or audio-digitally recorded?</b> .....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file?</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Evidence of notification to property owners?</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Final vote taken at this hearing?</b> .....	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>Motioned by:</b> .....			
<b>Seconded by:</b> .....			
<b>Final Vote:</b> .....			

**Major Speakers**

*(This is not an attendance record.)*

Dr. Christopher Heaney, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health  
Ray Conaway, Curtis Bay Community Association  
Brian Hammock, CSX Corporation  
Devon Dodson, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Christopher Hoagland, Maryland Department of the Environment

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**Major Issues Discussed**

1. Chairman Conway called the hearing to order and introduced the committee members in attendance.
2. Councilwoman Porter provided opening remarks and discussed the urgent need to address environmental disparities in South Baltimore.
3. Dr. Heaney and Ray Conaway presented on how the coal silo explosion impacted the community and the ongoing air pollution from the coal terminal.
4. Representatives from City agencies stood by the written reports.
5. Brian Hammock testified on behalf of CSX and responded to committee member questions.
6. Devon Dodson and Christopher Hoagland testified on behalf of the Maryland Department of the Environment and responded to committee member questions.
7. Residents of Curtis Bay testified on the impacts of the coal silo explosion on their lives, the long-standing harm from the coal terminal and other industrial pollution sources in the neighborhood, and the need for urgent action to address environmental injustice in the community.
8. Chairman Conway recessed the hearing.

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**Further Study**

**Was further study requested?**

**Yes**     **No**

**If yes, describe.**

The Committee requested additional information from the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Baltimore City Law Department.

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**Committee Vote:**

D. McCray: .....  
J. Bullock: .....  
M. Conway: .....  
R. Dorsey: .....  
P. Porter: .....  
J. Torrence: .....  
I. Schleifer: .....

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Matthew L. Peters, Committee Staff

Date: August 26, 2022

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