

## WEST OAKLAND RESIDENTS:



Are you tired of that NASTY smell?

It's Red Star Yeast!!!!!!

What is Red Star Yeast and Why should you care?

**Red Star Yeast** is a facility on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Mandela and it is **polluting** our air in West Oakland. Not only does their smokestack continually pump that horrible **odor** into the air that we all have to breathe, but it also emits **chemicals** such as: **acetaldehyde, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, and sulfur dioxide.**

People who live near toxic facilities such as Red Star Yeast are at an increased risk of suffering from **severe health problems**. Kids in the neighborhood already suffer from high rates of **asthma**. The toxic chemicals emitted from Red Star Yeast can cause **cancer, birth defects, brain damage, sterility, hormonal changes, damage to the kidneys**, as well as having other **negative effects** on the skin and sensory organs.

It is time to protect the people's health in WEST OAKLAND

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Are the chemicals that are being emitted by Red Star Yeast harmful?

**YES**

- ❖ **Acetaldehyde** is listed as a known carcinogen and is ranked as one of the most hazardous compounds (in the worst 10%) known to harm human health and environment.
- ❖ Red Star Yeast emits approximately 27,400 pounds of **Acetaldehyde** into West Oakland's air each year.
- ❖ When **Carbon Monoxide** enters the blood stream it is dangerous because it reduces the amount of oxygen to the body's organs and tissues.
- ❖ **Nitrogen Oxides** have suspected harmful health effects on the: respiratory tract, reproductive system, central nervous system, immune system, and the skin or sense organs.
- ❖ **Sulfur Dioxide** affects breathing and is a primary contributor to acid rain.

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